Cannon 2011

EVOLUTION

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Evolution is not a force but a process.

Not a cause but a law. - John Morely

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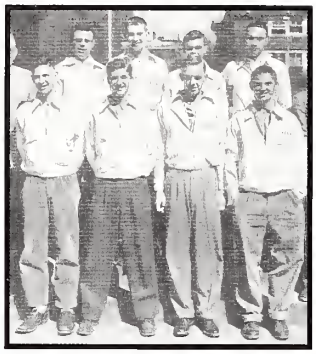


We Are Evolving

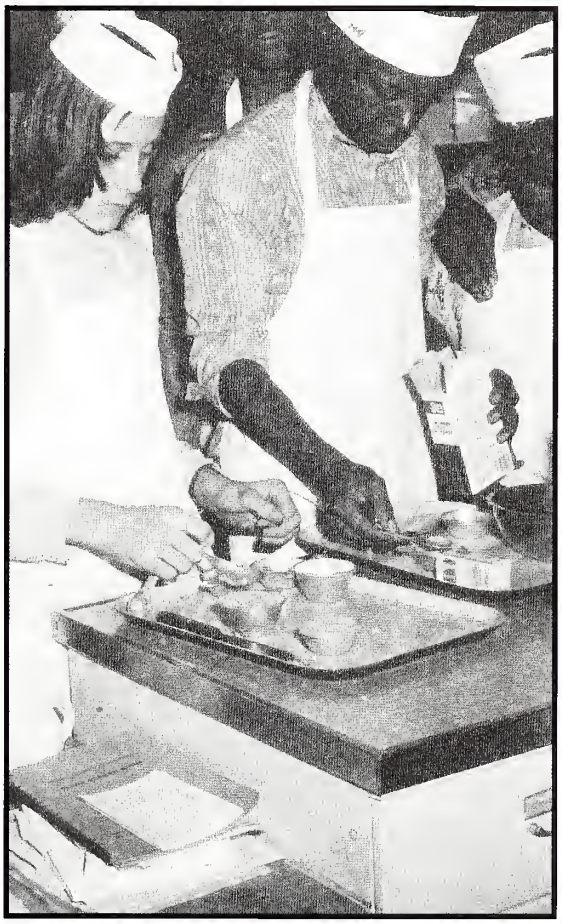
What comes to mind when you hear the word Evolution? Evolution is reaching new dimensions of change and development.

Arsenal Technical High School will celebrate its centennial in one short year. The Year 2012 marks Arsenal Tech as a prominent, diverse and controversial inner-city high school. The 2011 Cannon highlights what Tech used to be and showcases all that it is now.

2012 is an important year but 2011 is a pivotal moment. A moment that is special not only for the class of 2011, but for those who walk in the footsteps we leave behind.

Tech High School has always been a unique mix of vocational, technical and arts education. Techoir has been the centerpiece of the music department for most of the school's 99 years.

Been there, done that: the Tech Cafeteria before the current facility was constructed in the 1960's.



Faces may have changed but the essential ingredients of the school day remain the same - socializing and learning by doing.

Class of. . 2011

ACE

CTM

International

Life Long Learning

Magnet

New Tech

Cesar Acosta
Ivan Acuna
Tyone Adams
Edgar Amara
Brittany Anthony
Tianna Averitte

Angel Avina
Tasha Baker
Cesslyn Banks
Jasmine Beeman-Fonseca
Brenton Berry
Lauren Berryman

WE are FAMILY

James Vaughn | Janeesha Murray | Rhonda Simmons | Deontre Hamilton

Neisha Lake | Octavia Johnson | Robert Tyler | Sachet White

William Bray
Andre Brewer
Bryce Briner
Zakeya Brown
Dominique Bryant
Ciara Buckhalter

Cody Bullard
Tyler Buntin
Robert Butler
Shanice Caldwell
William Capps
Aaryonna Carter

Ashlee Carter
Bianca Carter
Jaylen Cash
Marylene Cervantes
Aricka Churchill
Khiry Clark

Courtney Cochran
Patrisha Cook
Antyana Corder
Jose Cordoba
Jalen Cox
Alecia Craig

Alexis Moore | Kala Donaldson | Megan Jackson | Kayla Gregory

Resha Frazier | Kelsey Hicks | Kallah George | Marketa Knox

Bryant Crain
Auddrika Crenshaw
Carlos Cruz
Brandon Dallas-Hagan
Shanee Davis
Juan Diaz

Kassaundra Dillon
Kala Donaldson
Daniel Dorsett
Andres Duarte
Dominque Eans
Michael Edder

Hezekiah Mayers | Sierra Iboaya-Gunther | Janesa Hall | Christina Tiernan

Faith Hunter | Brehanna Hogan | Bianca Carter | Janaia McCoy

Tarhea Edmonds
Cal-von Fields
Clarissa Flagg
Taneka Ford
Resha Frazier
Rachel French

Ciera Gaither
Santana Galarza
Israel Gamble
Que'swanna Gardner
Alicia Garvin
Alexander Gear

Amanda Gentry
Kallah George
Kiara Gilbert
Jennifer Godbold
Christopher Gooch
Kristen Goodlow

Kayla Gregory
Jocelynn Gutierrez
Curtis Guyon
Maiesha Guyton
Amber Hall
Gabriele Hall

Janesa Hall
Steven Hall
Deantre Hamilton
Camille Hampton
Brian Hannon
Devante Hardy

Pebbles Harper
Dimsha Harris
Aubry Harvey
Safia Hatcher
Precious Hayes
Jeremiah Heitzman

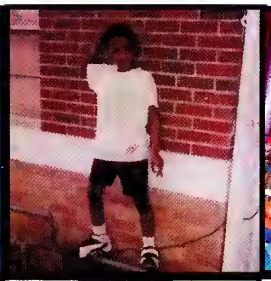
Juhan Hernandez
Junior Hernandez
Jeremy Hickenbottom
Kelsey Hicks
Andre' Hill
Jordan Hill

Trey Hill
Latrice Hillard
Rachel Hoenstine
Gary Holman
Natavia Howell
Cara Humphrey

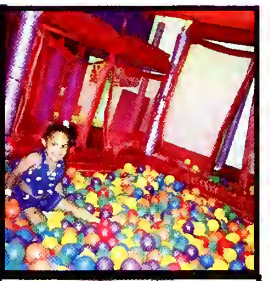
Austina Mason

Antyana Corder

James Radford



Alecia Craig



Ariel Woods

Precious Hayes

Alejandra Lopez

Angel Avina

Faith Hunter
Melissa Hunter
Avionna Huston
Sierra Iboaya-Gunther
Wesley Imes
Dianesia Ingram

Corey Jackson
Megan Jackson
Brieanna Johnson
Octavia Johnson
Stacie Kelley
Shawn King

Aaryonna Carter | Joyce Parish | Rachel French | Melissa Velasco

Jaylen Cash | Epiphany Parnell | Tameika Rodgers | Lissea Washington

Marketa Knox
Niesha Lake
Maria Leiva
La'shauna Livingston
Alejandra Lopez
Michael Mains

Sheree Majors
Atlante Manee
Alan Marin
Deshuan Martin
Bertha Martinez
Nancy Martinez

Austina Mason
Hezekiah Mayers
Janaia McCoy
Lance McGee
Kaylin Mead
Miriam Medina

Peter Mercado-Reyes
Cody Miller
Krystin Miller
Monique Miller
Monique Minor-Hardy
Simbarashe Mlambo

Shaquille Traxler | Trey Hill | Gary Holman | Unique Montgomery

Simone Smith | Jorge Rodriguez | Jeremy Hickenbottom | Lauren Sanders

Unique Montgomery
Alexis Moore
India Morris
Krista Murphy
Janeesha Murray
Antonio Napier

Daeja Nelson
Ronald Nevers
Ashley Newland
Davaughn Nibbs
Xandria Orr
Joyce Parish

Samir Parmar
Epiphany Parnell
Matthew Perry
Brandon Peters
Tyeishia Petty
Katie Powell

Kelly Poyck
Nathaniel Pugh
Gloria Quintana
James Radford
Jayron Revere
William Reyes

Lace Richey
Tameika Rodgers
Jorge Rodriguez
Ana Frances Romero
Cameron Russell
Rosaura Sanchez

Shekinah Sanders
Savina Santos
Lauren Saunders-Exford
Tanya Scott
Shaquille Shanklin
Daylond Sharp

Asia Shorter
Rhonda Simmons
Courtney Sims
Amber Slone
Simone Smith
Lindsey Snyder

Yorel Spells
Tiannia Spivey
Hannah Stephany
Travis Stevens
Corwin Stokes
Johnny Stringer

Janeisha Tate
Nicole Taylor
Moses Thompkins
Chasney Thompson
Jessica Thompson
Aarion Thurman

Aaron Thurman
Christina Tiernan
Ayanna Tipton
Amber Toombs
Shaquille Traxler
Tessarose Trotter

India Tyler
Robert Tyler
Ana Vargas
Ashleigh Vaughn
James Vaughn
Melissa Velasco

Victor Venegas
Lissea Washington
Timothy Weakley
Rashawn Weathers
Kimberly Weaver
Marlena Webb

Jamie White
Sachet White
Myha Williams
Kristian Willis
Brittany Winfield
Brianna Winkle

Dyamon Winston
Ariel Woods
Shakalah York
Kenneth Young

Jordan Hill

Avionna Huston

Chasney Thompson

WATCH us GROW

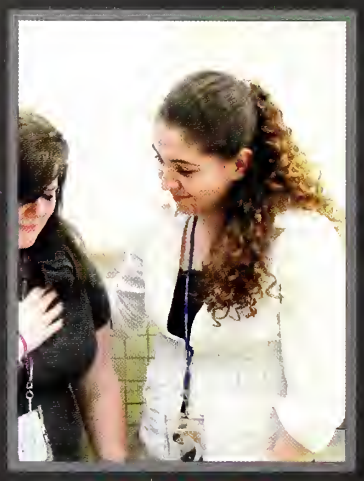
SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

Class Comedian

Shaquille Traxler

Natavia Howell

Best Shoulder To Cry On



Ana Vargas

Robert Tyler

Worst Whip

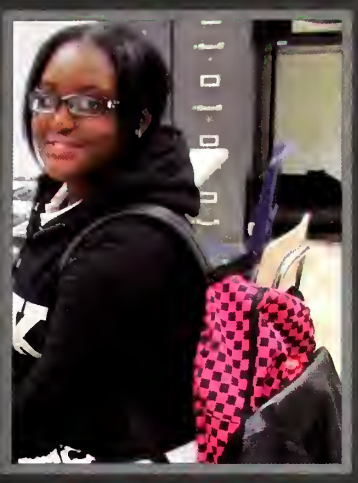
Devante Hardy

Cesslyn Banks

Cutest Couple

Edgar Amaro and Marylene Cervantes

Flyest Fashions

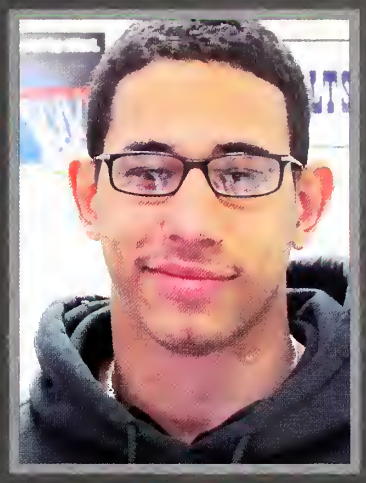


Antyana Corder

Angel Avina

All Star Athlete

Joyce Parish



Jaylen Cash

Brightest Brainiac

Daniel Dorsett

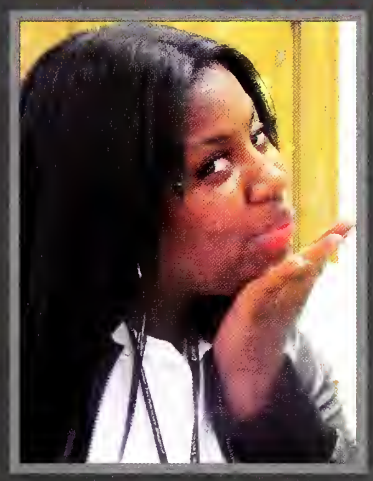
Samir Parmar

Ashlee Carter

Most Paranoid

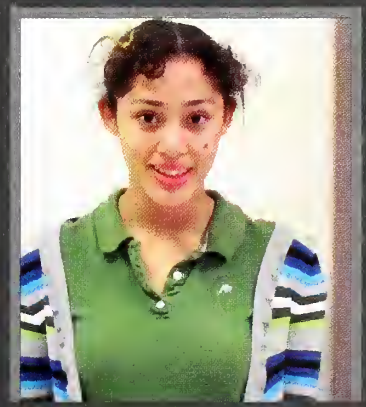
Biggest Flirt

Bianca Carter & Daniel Codina



Gary Holman

Ana Romero



Speedy Gonzales

VALEDICTORIAN
Joseph Crandal

Q: How do you feel about being a valedictorian?
A: It feels rewarding because all of my work is finally showing.

Q: What advice would you give to freshmen?
A: I would tell them that grades matter the same no matter which year of high school they are in.

Q: What are your future goals?
A: I plan to get a Ph.D in research and become a microbiologist.

Q: How did you get to where you are?
A: I worked hard after being pushed by my dean.

Q: Who has inspired or influenced you the most?
A: Mr. Defreese, teachers and classmates have all influenced me to do my best in their own way.

SALUTATORIAN
Daniel Dorsett

Q: What are your future plans?
A: I plan to attend The University of Indianapolis to study music education and become either a middle or high school band director.

Q: What are your greatest accomplishments from your four years at Tech ?
A: A few of my greatest accomplishments were of course, my grades, going to the BOA Marching Band Grand Nationals and earning gold in Techoir at ISSMA.

Q: Who has inspired or influenced you the most?
A: My dad has been my inspiration. When my mother passed in January, 2010, he took over the responsibility of my three younger siblings and I. He is essential to my decision-making.

Q: Any advice for underclassmen?
A: I encourage them to keep doing their best because it will help them progress to a positive future and if you're doing your greatest, no one can ask for much more.

Senior Goodbyes

Nataysia Howell
Communications/
Broadcast
Journalism
"Biiiscuit!"

Sarana Santos
IUPUI/Purdue
Biomedical
Engineering
"Follow your
dreams and you
will achieve
whatever you
want."

Hannah Stegmann
IUPUI
Nursing
"Dreams should
eventually
become a reality.
If anyone holds
you back, then
they shouldn't be
in your dreams."

Brandon Dallas
Vincennes University
Telecommunications
"Naw, bump that,
boy it raps."

Ashlee Carter
Indiana Tech
(Fort Wayne)
Accounting

Sheree Majors
Vincennes
University
Nursing

Joshua Inel
United States
Marine Corps
Aviation/Scout
Sniper/Drill
Instructor
"Stage crew: Late
night and a whole
lot of fun."

Kelsey Shoke
Ivy Tech/IUPUI
Forensic
Psychology/Nursing
"Never sacrifice
your own
happiness for
someone else's.
Shoot for the stars
and you will soon
reach them."

Clarissa Flagg
Purdue University
Pre-Vet
"Don't get
offended."

Zakiyyah Hall
IUPUI
Education

Jamal Martin
University of Southern
Indiana
Telecommunications
"I wasn't even here
yesterday."

Sierra Kelley
IUPUI/Indiana
University
Biology/Pre-
Dentistry
"Memory is a way
of holding on to
the things you
love, the things
you are and the
things you never
want to lose."

Rachel Hoewisser
Ball State
University
Nursing
"High school is
about moving on
and growing up.
I'm a big girl
now."

Alejandra Lopez
IUPUI
Nursing

Jewel Vaughn
IUPUI/Indiana
University
Broadcast
Journalism
"Courage is being
who you are and
not who you should
be."

Tamarka Rodgers
Vincennes
University
Nursing

Jason [illegible]
Vincennes
University
Physical Therapy

Blake Carter
Central State
University
Mass
Communications

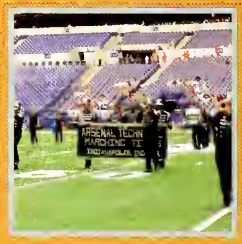
Joshua Martin
Ball State
University
Business

Jamie Palmer
Purdue University
Biology
"Life is short. Live
freely. Forgive
quickly."

Antrana Cordell
IUPUI
Public
Relations/Business
"Prove all the
spectators wrong
by achieving the
goals they said
you'd never
reach."

Robert Tyler
Ivy Tech
Business
Administration
"God is going to
bless you."

Homecoming door decorating contest winners from Mrs. Garing's class show off their efforts.



Changing colors, rules, classes

Through the rough times, the pressure and stress of the dress code, getting good grades and applying to colleges, students somehow managed to have some fun and get through the year.

Homecoming happened in the first weeks of school on Sept.3. Everyone had an opportunity to do something crafty, stupid and funny for the week.

Netbooks replaced some textbooks as each academy issued the computers and the whole school went online.

Students had to get three additional immunization shots and many students missed school days heading to the doctor, to shot clinics or turning in their shot records to get a green T on their ID.

Do you remember seeing the pig on top of the auditorium? That was from the fall play called, 'Squeal'.

In addition, parts of the campus were closed and fenced off due to renovation of the media center and East Gym and groundbreaking for a new $11.2 million Near East Legacy Community Center.

Now, cheerleading isn't a sport, but this year the Titan squad reached the spotlight. The cheerleaders won first place in the State Cheer Championships in November.

The varsity football team earned area recognition on its way to an 8-2 record.

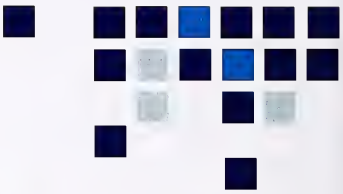
Tech's marching band battled it out against other schools at Bands of America, winning the best sound award.

With the changing of the leaves, this fall was accompanied by tension over stricter enforcement of the dress code and between the races that led to fights and the temporary closing of the square.

Story by Courtney Sims
Photos by Alexus Scott, Vivian Bell, Jazmine Johnson and Ashley Ballard

The fall semester forced Tech students to encounter a variety of new rules and procedures. This includes the tension and fighting around campus. Tech students faced not being allowed to come to school without an up-to-date shot record. The fall semester also brought about the use of netbooks. Everyone prepped for Homecoming which came early in the season, the first home game Sept. 3. The football team enjoyed an outstanding record of 8-2, raising the school spirit and image of Tech. The Tech band also achieved a goal by winning best sound at the Bands of America competition Nov. 10.

KOM mentors keep freshmen on track



KOM helps students face the fear that all underclassmen have - the fear of high school.

Every Tuesday during advisory the junior and senior mentors and the freshmen mentees meet for KOM. What is KOM? Kick off Mentors (KOM) is a designated time when the mentors teach their mentees how to accomplish good grades.

"It improves the grades because the mentors are reminding them and helping them realize the importance of grades. Some mentors say, 'I wish I hadn't done this or that when I was a freshman.' So, yeah, it does help their behavior and more importantly, attendance," International Academy counselor Dee Ziegler said.

Ziegler and ACE Academic Dean William Jensen are the sponsors of KOM and carefully interview and choose the mentors to pick those they believe are dedicated and determined.

"Each year has been successful but this year is more successful and much more fun than others," Ziegler said. "We found out that our upperclassmen really wanted to be mentors and those chosen are really dedicated to this. They go through the training and work hard. They come in the summer time and work hard as well. It's very exciting to work with students from the entire campus."

KOM may emphasize good grades, but the program also teaches students self discipline, morals and values.

"I feel like it helped us in many ways. We can now get a better look at things from people in the higher grades." freshman De'Angelo Perkins said.

Mentors also see benefits from their experience.

"It taught me how to handle and work with groups of students," said senior Natavia Howell. "I learned how to help them with their problems and I became someone they can look up to."

The mentors also check on the mentees outside of KOM meetings and try to teach them to not make the same mistakes.

"I like to teach kids not to go into my direction when I was a freshman," April Paniagua said. "I check their grades, for midterms. They should be on track. I try to keep high school as real as possible. You should teach them what to do and what not to do. You have to keep it real. It's not all about good grades but also having fun while making good grades."

Story and photos by Courtney Sims

Construction leaves legacy for centennial

Construction on campus was more visible this year but it is part of a 7-year project.

The project has two aspects: One, to modernize the buildings and grounds, which has been taking place for some time now, and two, the Near Eastside Legacy Center, which broke ground Nov. 15. These projects are scheduled to be completed by Tech's centennial in 2012.

"It (the construction) isn't new; it's not just this year," said Assistant Campus Administrator Sylvia Dewitt. "The construction has been going on for five years." Some goals in modernizing the campus include updating the air-conditioning in all buildings, updating the heating in the Barn, putting new windows in Treadwell and in Stuart, renovating the auditorium, updating Colonel's Cupboard, fixing the plumbing throughout, and making the campus more energy efficient. There are also plans to build a new storage facility on campus and move all of the items that are now being stored in the basement of Lone Hall into it. Much of the construction that will take place in Morgan Hall, which includes building an elevator, will be done in the evening. Dewitt predicts the restrooms in Morgan could be affected.

An elevator is also being put in the Media Center to accommodate ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) specifications. Therefore, the Media Center was moved to the second floor of the Arsenal and reopened in January. Also, the Bookstore was moved to Rm. 301 in Stuart Hall.

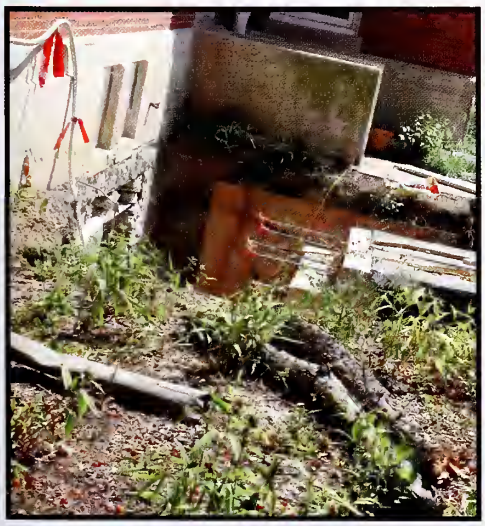
The East Gym is also being renovated, meaning that some physical education teachers were out of an office for the time being, such as Sharon Shaw who is being housed in the Barn. The pool was closed to physical education classes this year.

In terms of money, Dewitt estimates the cost of the renovation of the Media Center and East Gym alone at $35 million.

Other changes that are being planned due to the upcoming community center include Tech's baseball diamond being moved to the Twin-Aire area, approximately 5 minutes southeast of campus.

Construction also affected the north parking lot, limiting space for buses, which also decreased the number of teacher parking spaces.

Story by James Vaughn; photos by Alexus Scott and Kelsey Hicks



Football success hypes Homecoming

Spirits soar during enthusiastic week

Students were hyped and ready for the biggest Homecoming game - Tech versus Northwest Sept. 3. The first home football game became a time to celebrate Homecoming.

First day of the week was "Wear Your Jersey Day". Tuesday was Crazy Hair Day. Wednesday was Dress to Impress Day. Thursday was "Rep Your Class Day". Freshmen wore white, sophomores black, juniors red, and seniors green. Spirit Day was Friday when the Titans were going crazy supporting their undefeated football team.

Homecoming week was not only for the students but also for the teachers, and staff to get in to action. Not only were the Titans going crazy, but they were also celebrating traditional events. The Blubberball game was played on Thursday of Homecoming week. It was originally supposed to be students vs. teachers but this year was upperclassmen and teachers vs. underclassmen. The underclassmen won.

Other activity winners included: Door decorations; 1st place Ms. Garing's room, 2nd IA Avid room and 3rd Commercial Foods. ACE won the field goal contest. Life Long learning won the Best Dressed Academy. Seniors won the spirit stick once again this year. In the centerpiece of Homecoming, the varsity football Titans devoured Northwest 42-8.

Homecoming royalties were Juanita Allen for princess, Antwan Baker for prince, Bianca Carter for queen and Jaylen Cash for king.

Story by Courtney Sims and Easzira Mason

"That night is the night I will never forget and it's something I will share with my kids and future generations."

- Queen Bianca Carter

FLASHBACK 1975: Homecoming Queen Sherry Greer receives congratulations from Julie Lewis and her father Paul Lewis, IPS School Board member.

Left: Fans show their support for the Titan team that made an impression throughout Central Indiana. Above: softball team members man their snowcone and cotton candy booth at the Homecoming carnival (top).

Photos by Aubry Harvey and Vivian Bell

The 2010 Homecoming Court (above) gets together for a group photo. Left: Drum majors lead the band for their halftime show, "Music of the Night". Face painting was another carnival booth.

Queen Bianca Carter and King Jaylen Cash reigned over the Homecoming halftime festivities.

FLASHBACK - Tech Marching Band 1928

Marching Band lights up the nights with music

"A tremendous amount of progress has been made," band director Gary Doherty said. His praise was accurately rewarded. The reputation of Tech's marching band has been raised statewide due to Doherty's contributions and the entire band's efforts. Besides the hard work associated with band, the members also admitted they enjoyed the experience of being a part of the group.

"It's a pain when your getting yelled at but it's really fun," Robert King, the band's percussionist confessed.

King is only one of the 70-plus members participating in this year's band, which include 25 Harshman Middle School students accompanying them. Fifteen members are to graduate May, including band captain Daniel Dorsett.

Doherty used the 2010 Circle City Classic as the stage to unveil the growth of Tech's Marching band. "Boom Boom Pow" and "Pump It" both were chosen for the band to play at the event. The growth and progression was again exhibited at the "Music of the Night" concert. This concert featured musical compositions written by Andrew Lloyd Webber from his Broadway musical, "The Phantom of the Opera." The Music of the Night concert not only consisted of band performances but also drama, dancing, singing and acting.

Tech's marching band also participated in the Indiana State School Music Association(ISSMA) Oct. 9. An IPS school hasn't participated in ISSMA in a long time and because of its size the Titans competed in "Class A", which consisted of big-budget high school bands.

The band also competed in the Bands of America (BOA) national competition. BOA also has an exclusive IPS tournament, which was held Nov. 10. The Titans placed second by .7 points in the competition.

Doherty also mentioned band members he said showed excellent leadership ability: Eric Cervantes, Tyler Kniess, Daniel Dorsett, Michael "The Blizzard" Snow, Robert Butler and Randy Bernett.

"These guys are absolutely remarkable," Doherty said. "I am proud of the growth I have witnessed the band acquire."

Story by Gary Holman; photos by Vivian Bell, Aubry Harvey and Charmonique Adams

JROTC

Cadets challenge themselves to be leaders in their community

This year has been one filled with ceremonies, services and leadership exercises for the JROTC cadets. JROTC participated in eight color guard missions in which they presented the national colors at Tech home football games and also placed flags on the graves of fallen veterans in Crown Hill cemetery for Operation Flag, Nov. 6.

"We were there out of respect for those who have fallen," Cadet Major Robert Butler said.

All of the cadets also actively assisted in the blood drive held in the auditorium and attended a motivational seminar. One leadership activity some of the cadets participated in was a three-day field exercise at Johnson County Park with an activity training group known as the Raiders. As part of the camp, the cadets slept in two-man tents.

"The most challenging part was leading a group of people," William Capps said. Capps also mentioned he gained a lot of valuable leadership experience. "I woke up with frost over my gloves" due to sleeping in the cold temperature, he added.

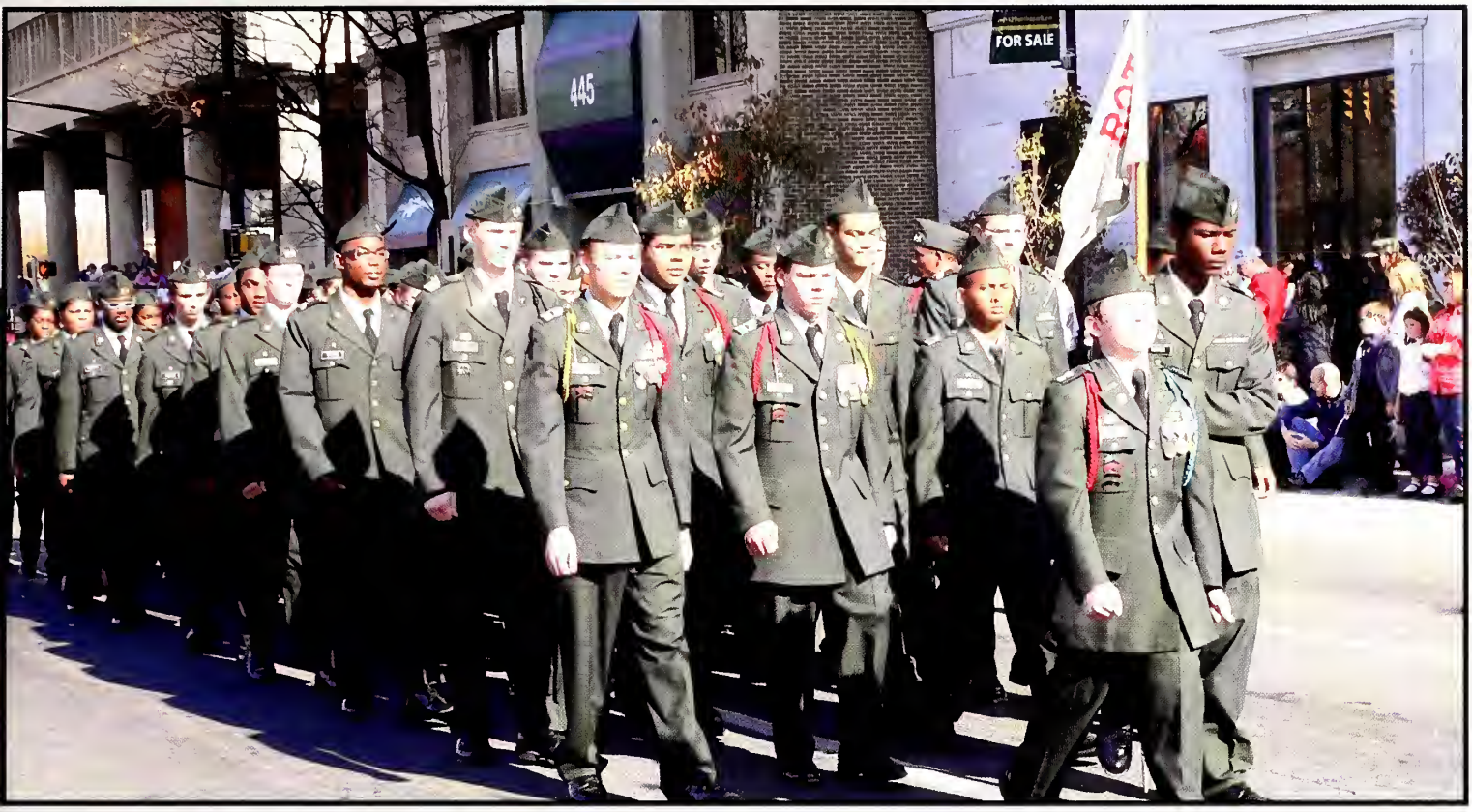
The JROTC cadets handed out flags and marched in a parade at a VFW ceremony at Victory Field and also marched at the Circle City Classic Parade in October. The cadets also received praise for their ROTC Brigade battalion inspection. They also marched on Veterans Day for all of those that had fallen defending their country and freedom.

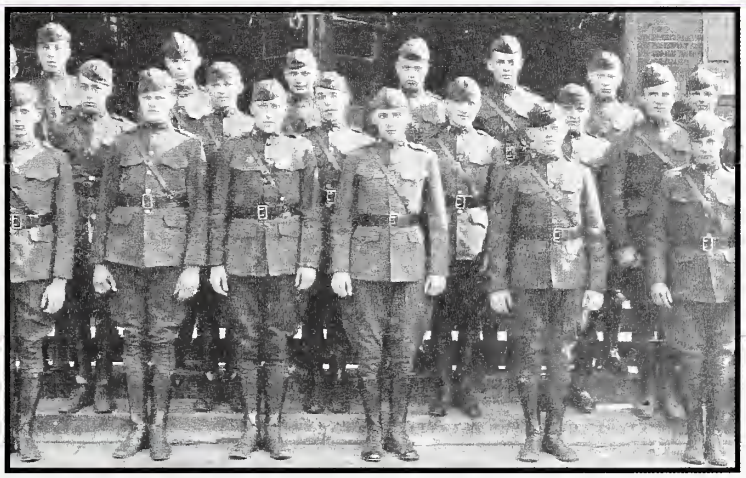
JROTC held a December officers Boards for cadets interested in becoming Cadets 2Lts. Each cadet had an opportunity to stand before the board. Jan. 12 the cadets attended the Soujourney leadership board, and the Military Ball was held March 18.

Cadet Majors Krystin Miller and Robert Butler won this year's Major General Robert Moorhead scholarship and Major General Charles Whitaker scholarship, respectively. Their scholarships totaled $1,000.

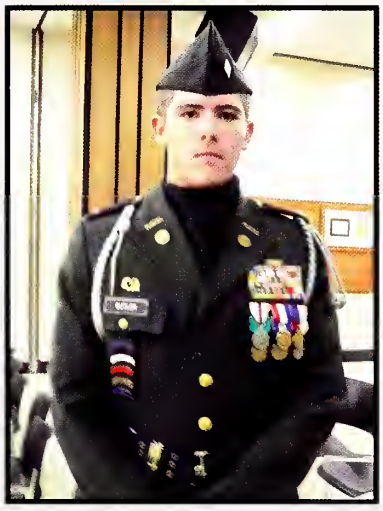
Some of the JROTC cadets planned to involve themselves over the summer in a week-long summer camp, JCLC or JROTC Cadet Leadership challenge. The summer camp will help the cadets increase their leadership abilities and team building.

Story by Gary Holman; photos courtesy Tech JROTC





FLASHBACK: The 1926 ROTC Troop.



Left: Robert Butler presents the flag with the rest of the color guard at an IPS School Board meeting.

Save Our Sisters

Club celebrates sisterhood, self-esteem

SOS, a sisterhood club was founded by Chrystal Jackson the secretary of Life Long Learning Academy. This program is to empower young girls and help them maintain their self-esteem to be the best people they can be.

SOS started at John Marshall High School with only 68 girls and relocated after two years to Tech High School. Jackson's goal is to show the girls a place where they could come and be themselves. People like to think of Jackson as a role model or mother when they're at school.

The SOS program has a "Coming to God" every Thursday of the month. This program is for is for any and all girls, no matter race or skin color. Jackson likes to think of it as "Saving our Sisters, not our Sistas."

"This program has helped me become a better lady and help me find my aspirations," Kayla Gregory said. "I tell people if you're interested in joining, some advice from me would be to be serious and don't just join because one of your friends are joining."

Jackson does so much to help these young ladies and she also has each girl make a promise that their grades will go up two letter grades by the end of the year. They do charity work, community service and encourage other girls to set goals in life.

Story by Jazzmin Williams

Clockwise from top left: 1) Jane Dake, Ciara Spivey, Destiny Bailey, Melissa Hunter, Roniesha Clark, Ana Vargas, Shankyria Hughes; front: Chrystal Jackson, sponsor; 2) Melissa Hunter; Ana Vargas and Roniesha Clark enjoy a luncheon at the Colonel's Cupboard; 3) Jane Dake, Ciara Spivey are served by Caiyanna Campbell of the Culinary Arts program; 4) Jane Dake, Ciara Spivey and Destiny Bailey discuss upcoming club activities. 5) Mrs. Jackson, Melissa Hunter. Ana Vargas, Shankyria Hughes, Jane Dake, Ciara Spivey and Destiny Bailey practice their table etiquette.

International Academy students absorb the language and culture of several countries through a variety of methods, including a new foreign language lab in Treadwell Hall.

Photos by Roddell Felder

International Academy

Students explore languages, career options, communication skills

Giving students the opportunity to experience diverse cultures and languages is the purpose of the International Academy.

"The best part of the academy is that you have the opportunity of a lifetime to learn a new language," said sophomore Michael Patton. Classes are held on the second and third floor of Treadwell and in The Barn.

"This academy helps your communication skills. Besides standard English, we have all of the foreign language classes on campus: Russian, German, French, Spanish, Latin, Arabic, Japanese and more," said teacher Mary Beardsley.

The International Academy focuses on developing skills for future careers, such as working as a translator.

"I really enjoy these classes," said freshman Edwin Calderon.

The academy offers field trips as well, such as when the Japanese classes visited the International Market in the city.

Story by Isaac Hampton

Club Latino

not just for Hispanics

When Deelontee Hutchins first joined Club Latino, he had no clue that he would fall in love with the excitement and ingenuity of Spanish-speaking cultures. It was also a surprise that the club consisted of people of different races.

"You don't have to be of Latin descent to join this club; I'm obviously not," Deelantee said with a laugh.

One thing bringing different races together in Club Latino is the enjoyment they have being there; because as Gusto, a sophomore, said, "People it's fun!" The students get to do all kinds of activities and projects.

"Every year we do a community service project to help the Latin community," sponsor Rosalilia Stewart said. "Last year we collected toys to give to families during Christmas time. We also learn Latin dances over the course of the year. I teach the students merengue, cumbia and salsa. We normally don't get to learn the flamenco dance but I show a video of it to the students. The classes are free."

Students said they enjoy the diversity of activities.

"My favorite parts would have to be the community service and the dance classes," Hutchins said. "It's just a really good social atmosphere."

Senora Stewart closes off the year with a fiesta.

"After we learn each dace, we have a party to celebrate," Stewart said. "The students get to take a Latin cooking class to learn how to spice up regular dishes, Latin style."

Sierra Iboaya-Gunther, Kamen Rose, Rosalilia Stewart, Deelontee Hutchins, Que'swanna Gardner, Diamond Thompson, Destiny Bailey and other club members show their support for Club Latino.

Story by Kamen Rose and photos by Alexus Scott

"Being a part of 'Squeal' as the lead role truly opened me up. It was fun being a crazed lunatic without being criticized too much."

Santana Galarza, "Pigsty/Penelope"

Flashback 1922
A Mid-Summer's Night Dream

THE CAST
Pigsty/Penelope – Santana Galarza
Tiffany – Diamond Thompson
Jason – Jake Friedly
Tiffany's Gang
Jamie Lee – Rachel Wright
Carrie – Kamen Rose
Drew – Kim Weaver
Norman the Nerd – Jacob Miller
Mrs. Looney, the drama teacher – Ambrea Spivey
Wendy – Jennifer LaFara
Lyle – Travis Stevens
Mrs. Shrill, the Librarian – Kaylin Mead
Ms. Meeker, Library Assistant – Mollie Davis
The "Squeak Chorus" Piggy #1 – Jonah Stevenson, Piggy #2 – Riley Bogan, Piggy #3 – Tyler Kniess, Pig In Black – Sami Ali
Quiggers the Pig – Elijah Stevenson
Stan #1 – Kardell Manning
Stan #2 – William Durham
Mrs. Applewedge, the lunch lady – Genny Sanchez
Fifi – Lauren Hedges
Student #1 – Jennifer LaFara
Extras: Sarah Butler, Sierra Iboaya-Gunther, Shanikka Jackson, Christian Skinner, Amanda Thurman

Performances start with a 'Squeal'

One of the stars of the fall play never made it to the stage. Everyone wondered how the pig got on top of the roof of the auditorium.

"I'm glad the pig on the roof was such a hit on campus," said director Cynthia Hartshorn.

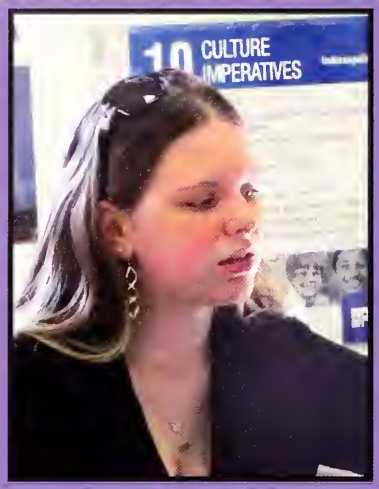
The pig represented the fall play "Squeal," performed Oct. 1 and 2. The play was a comedy about many students that were trapped in a school play. One of the students was disappointed because she didn't get the lead role in the play and her sidekick, which was the pig, went around the school wrecking things and tying students up.

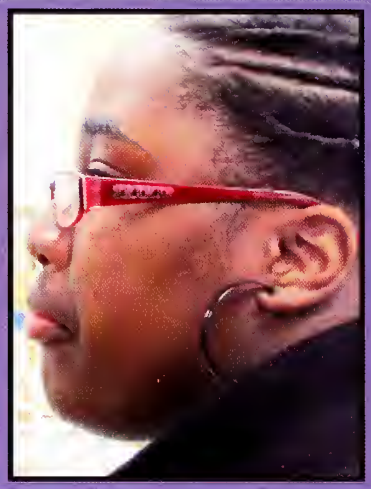
The play "Squeal" came about because it was funny and teachers and students like to do comedies. The pig got on top of the roof by stage crew teacher Dave Arnold and his crew.

"I called the State Fair Office and asked if they had any pig stuff we could use to advertise our play," Hartshorn said. The Fall Play was directed by Hartshorn and Beth Myers with stage manager Arnold.
"We had fun directing it," Hartshorn said.

Musicians had their chance to show their talents at the Fall Concert in mid-October, including performances by band, orchestra and choir.

Story by Brittany Sullivan
Photos by Alexus Scott





Philanthropy Club

Changing lives, one good deed at a time

Philanthropy Club was alive and busy this year from donating 150 children's books and 30 used cell phones as well as supplying 120 non-perishable food items, all for the Julian Center.

Philanthropy Club members also gave their time to mentor homeless children at the Julian Center, developing a close relationship.

This year Philanthropy Club produced Tech's first ever recipients of the prestigious Jefferson Awards: Rachel French and Tyler Buntin. Others winners included Brittany Winfield, Bethany Shepherd and Marquis Zamora. These scholars received the Jefferson award for their dedication, passion, caring and community service.

Philanthropy Club members are continuing to broaden their horizons and are always open to new members. They continue to spread the good word about respect and life through posters and advertisements for the club.

Story by Princess Kimbrough; photos by Alexus Scott

Top: The faces of philanthropy: Rachel French, sponsor William Gadd, Brittany Winfield and Samir Parmar. Above: French, left, discusses an upcoming project. The senior is a Jefferson Award winner for her work with the Philanthropy Club.

Above: Marquis Zamora works on a flyer to provide information, encouragement and inspiration. Right: Philanthropy Club members pose with sponsor William Gadd.

Student Council

Voice for the students

After a rocky start last year, Student Council came back with vengeance. With approximately 15 members, Student Council was the Tech student body voice that had been silenced for so long.

Led by teachers William Gadd and Stefanie Trout, along with Student Council President McKeith Pearson, a Magnet junior and Vice President Andre Brewer, an ACE senior, Student Council set out to change campus life for Tech students.

"I have passion. Without trying, how can we say it's not going to be done?" Pearson said.

Student Council is a club for the students, ran by the students. The president and vice president have active roles in making decisions.

Student Council sponsored the first ever Tech Olympics held in April as a weekly event, All of Tech's academies came together to compete with each other and against each other for prizes.

Student Council also helped organize a chess tournament where students played until they were eliminated and a winner crowned.

At the Tech vs. Cathedral football game, Student Council raised $125. When Gadd went to go deposit the money, he discovered an already existing account containing $340 for Student Council.

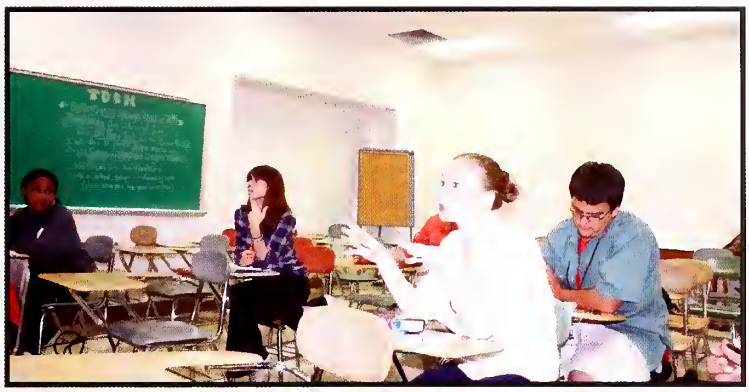
All of Student Council's activities could never have been possible without the help of donors and community support, Gadd said.

Student Council members were also recognized as Jefferson Award winners.This year's recipients included Rachel French, Brittany Winfield, Bethany Shepherd and Tyler Buntin.

The Jefferson Awards are a federally funded program open to all IPS high schools. The awards honor outstanding community service in the Indianapolis area.

"It was an unexpected surprise and I'm very excited to receive this award," French said. "It's really very empowering and it will be a constant motivator and reminder to keep doing what I'm doing."

Story by Princess Kimbrough and photos by Robert Sherrell and James Vaughn



Top and left photos: Student Council members discuss the upcoming chess tournament; middle photo: Sponsor William Gadd; above: Officers McKeith Pearson, president; Robert Sherrell, treasurer and Andre Brewer, vice-president.

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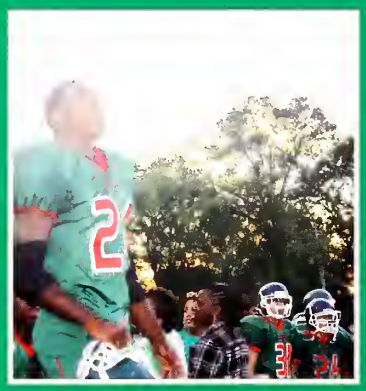


THE HEART of TECH

If you don't respect the Titans after this season, then you probably never will.

The 2010 football season for Tech High School is without a doubt, one of the best seasons in years. This year the 8-2 team had records like no other team in IPS.

In IPS rushing, junior Jordan Hughes was No. 1 with 136 yards per game with junior Damon Graham close behind at No. 3 with 72.6 yards per game.

In IPS passing, junior quarterback Robert "Bird" Evans was No. 1 with 116.1 yards per game.

In IPS receiving, senior Jaylen Cash was No. 1 with 37 yards per game with senior Timothy Weakley close behind at No. 3 with 26.3 yards per game.

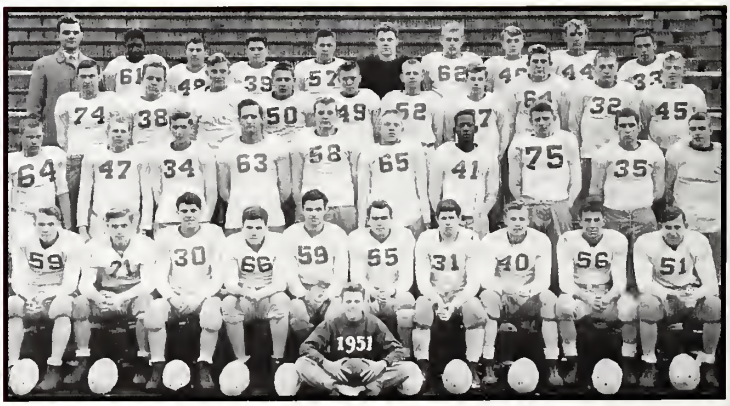
In IPS scoring, Jordan Hughes was, again, No. 1 with 100 points for the season with Damon Graham at No. 2 with 46 points and Robert Evans at No. 3 with 44 points.

In IPS tackles senior William "Big Spoon" Witherspoon was No. 1 with 11 sacks for the season with sophomore Robert Brooks at No. 2 with 6 sacks and junior Ryan Dycus at No. 4 with 3 sacks. Jordan Hughes received the "Fox 59 Big Nasty Hit Of The Week" and William Witherspoon received the "ESPN Rise Above Award."

The Titans came into the season going hard and with scores like 41-21, 42-8 and 30-6, it was clear that other teams were not ready for what the Titans were bringing to the field.

The more the Titans destroyed homecomings and sent teams and fans home disappointed, the more people criticized, saying things like "the Titans are only 6-0 because they have an easy schedule". But on Oct. 1 every critic was silenced when the Titans destroyed the record-breaking Heritage Christian's homecoming with a score of 57-20.

Like most great teams, the Titans took a loss against Cathedral Oct. 8. The loss was good for Cathedral, but a big disadvantage for Broad Ripple because the defeat inspired the Titans to show the Rockets whose house it was with a 34-24 victory, capturing the 2010 IPSAC championship. Despite a first-round sectional loss to Avon, with the success of the 2010 season, there's no way fans will not REMEMBER THE TITANS.



Flashback: 1951 Titan Varsity Football Team

Story by Vivian Bell, photos by Aubry Harvey, Vivian Bell, Charmonique Adams and courtesy David Dixon

THE TITANS

Volleyball

PASS, SET, SPIKE

When asked who are the Lady Titans, volleyball team members put on a smile and are able to name all the players who became more than players.

They became a family from all sides of Indianapolis. The bruises and floor burns were the "tattoos" that the Lady Titans all share. Whether it's diving on the floor or line serving, the Lady Titans had it all and then some.

"It was not who we were up against, it was whether we could work well together," middle hitter Christina Baker said.

Head coach Shariffa Batts and assistant coaches Kelly Lander and Dyana Slack were equipped to bring the team to the top.

The Lady Titans volleyball team came in second for IPSAC. The last game was against Avon in the championship. Though it was a loss, they compiled a winning season with a 5-2 record. Seniors Rhonda Simmons, Natavia Howell, Jordan Hill, Danisha Ingram, and Melissa Belasco have had a blowout season and will be greatly missed.

Story by Charmonique Adams; Photos by Roddell Felder

3 To Win

0 To Lose

Flashback 1979
Lady Titans
Volleyball Team

X-Country

Varsity cross country coach Timothy Jones, coaching for his seventh year, started off the year optimistic about his runners and they didn't disappoint.

"As well as being successful, I want my guys to enjoy themselves and have fun," Jones said.

Kris Berger, first year varsity coach, hoped to be competitive and find some girls who would like to play the sport.

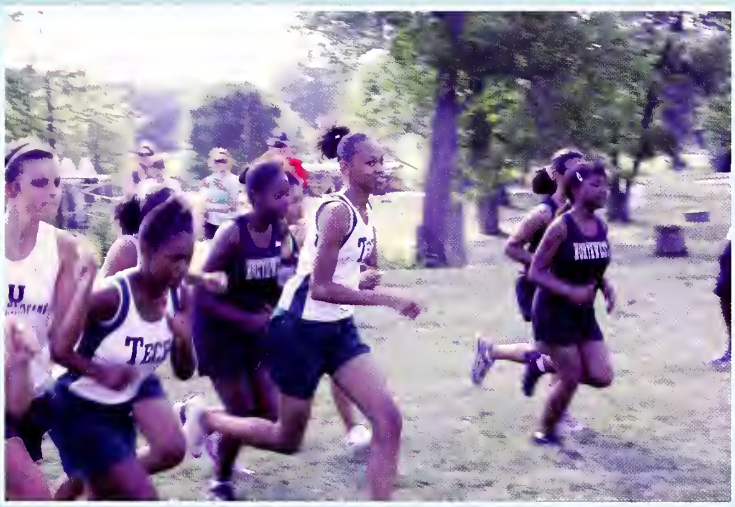
"My expectations are to build a strong female varsity team to compete with the other IPS schools," Berger said.

With the season coming to an end, the boys cross country team finished strong, winning the IPSAC Championship at Fall Creek Park. Tech placed all seven in the top 12. Six of these earning all conference honors, Na'il Siddeeq, Robert Campbell, Roddell Felder, Jacob Dorsey and Cortez Lately swept places second through sixth as Tech destroyed the field. D'Juan Bennet also finished in 10th. Pablo Ovalle, Andrew Thompson and Curtis Guyen led a first, third and fourth finish in the JV race.

The girls team finished second in the IPSAC Championship meet. Omara Campbell, Ashanti Brinkley, Tishana Harris, Veronica Stewart and Jazzmin Williams ran a great race. Jazzmin placed third overall and made All-Conference.

The boys captured the championship at the Tech Invitational at Riverside Park. The final scores were Tech 28, Covenant Christian 57, Herron 78 (lowest score wins).

Story and photos by Roddell Felder



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Cross country is like poker, you have to be holding five good cards all the time.

- John McDonnell

Soccer girls rebuild, win playoff game

Right: A girls soccer player makes the pass to a teammate; below: Team members go through a pre-game warm-up and a Lady Titan returns the ball with a header.

Lady Titans soccer coach Troy Hammon said that this has been a rebuilding year after losing 11 players from the 2009 squad.

But, on the bright side, what began with 8 players the first week of the season ended up at 18 athletes who showed so much passion that they came in at 6 a.m, on weekdays to get more practices in so they could be eligible to play games.

A major change for the team this year was that there wasn't an IPSAC tournament.

In an email, Hammon said that IPSAC (Indianapolis Public School Athletic Conference) bylaws state that each team sport must have four schools represented at the varsity level in order to play for an IPSAC title.

This year Howe rebuilt its girls team and Washington has its first team. ATHS is now in its fifth year with a separate girls soccer team. Broad Ripple was the oldest of the girls programs but did not have the numbers needed to field a girls team this season.

"It's not that we won't participate in the year's IPSAC conference it's that we won't be playing for an IPSAC championship now that BRHS dropped out," Hammon said.

Not being able to participate in the IPSAC tourney is only some of the bad news for the girls varsity soccer team.

They lost to Lawrence Central 4-0, Guerin Catholic 7-0 and Delta 8-0 with 10 eligible players. Aug.28 they played in the Hot Dog tourney in Frankfort and lost 8-0 to Tri-Central and a heartbreaker to Delphi 1-0.

The Lady Titan soccer team blew out Washington Continentals 5-2 Aug. 30. The Lady Titans then took on the Continentals again Oct.11 in the playoffs and once again emerged as the winner.

The attack was led by Marlena Webb with 6 goals on the season and Lauren Edwards with 2. Players with 1 goal each include Britteny Vasquez, Ana Romero, Cristine Guitierrez and Scout Landin. Joyce Parish led the way at goal with 61 saves followed by Cristine Guitierrez with 33.

Flashback 1991
Boys Soccer Team

Story by Jana Warren; photos by Aubry Harvey and Vivian Bell

Soccer girls were unable to play in the IPSAC tournament when Broad Ripple did not field a team. The Lady Titans advanced to the second round of the playoffs.

TITAN TENNIS

The boys tennis team successfully defended the IPSAC title for the 10th consecutive year. This year's IPSAC singles champions consisted of Xavier Brinkley and Jake Friedly. Angel Avina, Joel Reyes, Darius St. John and Malik Brinkley were the IPSAC Doubles champions. On top of being IPSAC champions, Angel Avina and Joel Reyes defeated Pike in the sectional competition and went on to compete in regionals against Brownsburg but lost.

With 10 new players, boys varsity and JV tennis had a very promising season.

The Titans started off with a win Aug. 25 against Lutheran High School with the varsity scoring 5 out of 5 and JV scoring 4 out of 4. Coach Kathy Kinghorn credited the win to "having 20 of the best students from Tech's campus."

The varsity boys had another game against Danville Community High School with a score of 3-2. The team has suffered losses early in the season in spite of its valiant efforts. The first loss was against Ritter 3-2 and was proceeded by another 3-2 loss to Scecina. The Sept. 7 game against Warren Central ended with a 5-0 loss and the following day the team lost to Cathedral 4-1 and Chatard 3-2 Sept. 9.

The boys tennis team finished the season against International High School, losing 5-0. The team also lost to New Palestine with a score of 5-0, and beat Manuel 5-0, Speedway 3-2, Broad Ripple 4-1, lost to Southwestern 5-0 and Covenant Christian 5-0. The total record for the season was 6-9.

Story by Gary Holman, Assistant Editor-in-Chief
Photos by Vivian Bell

Career Technology Magnet

Learning on the job

CTM is an academy that allows students to pursue their careers and gain skills for a lifetime. Few high schools have the careers and opportunities of CTM.

CTM stands for Career Technology Magnet. CTM has so many careers that such as cosmetology, diesel mechanics, fashion design, computer repair, architecture, engineering and graphic design,

A centerpiece of CTM is Colonel's Cupboard, a restaurant run by help students in the culinary arts department. Students said each program has its own identity.

"Our little community. . .we seniors are fun and (Academic Dean Michael) Sertic is cool," senior Alexis Moore said.

What separates CTM from all the other academies, is having a central building in Morgan Hall and longer blocks of classes.

CTM students also get the chance for internships and certifications in their chosen career.

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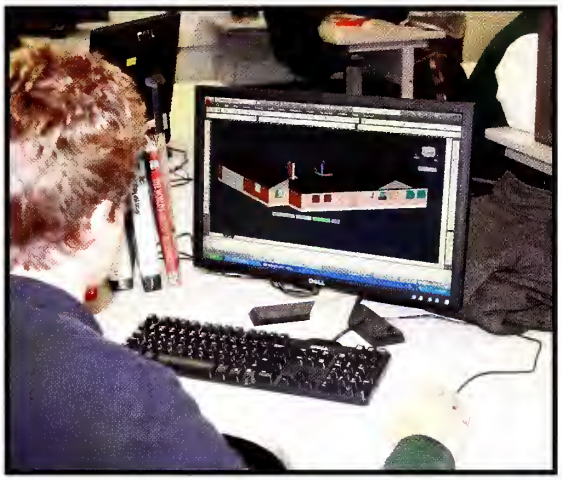

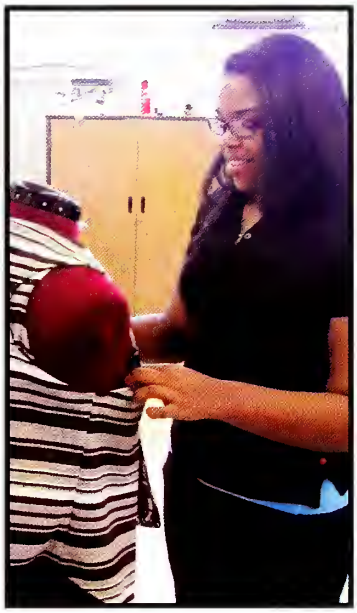

CTM students receive hands-on career experience in (clockwise from top): auto mechanics, fashion design, cosmetology and architecture.

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Class of 2012

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Diamond Adamson
Jabari Adkins
Khaleel Ali
Najee Ali
Sami Ali

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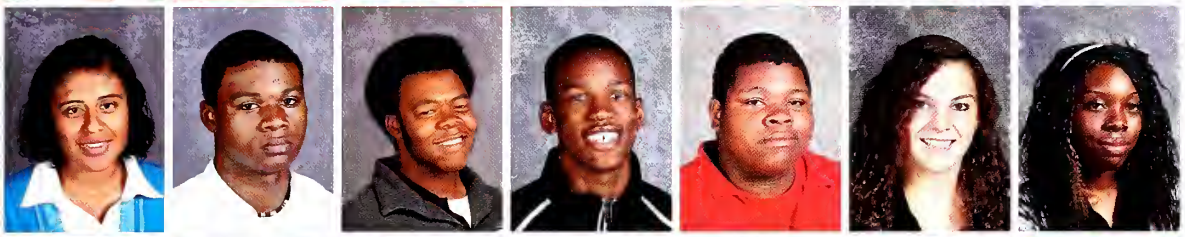

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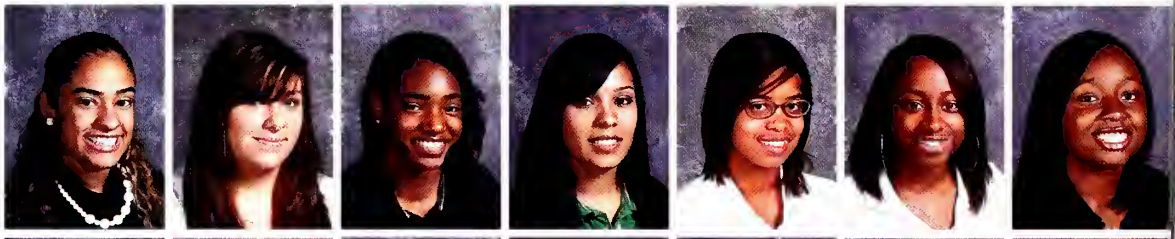

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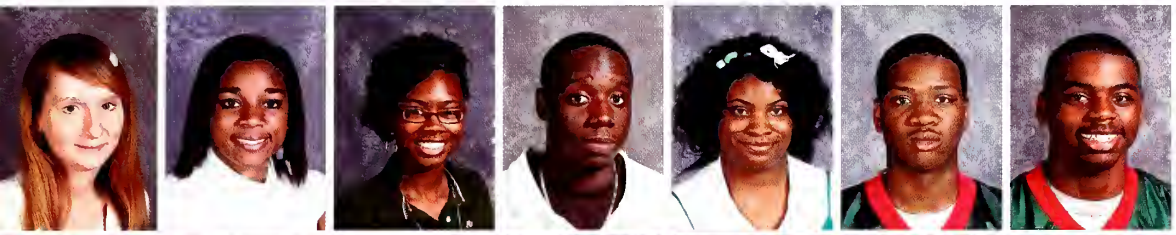

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Donte Wilson
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Christopher Wirt
Clarissa Wright
Rachel Wright
Edwin Xiqui
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Brittany Yerden

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WRITE IT DOWN

YOUR MEMORIES

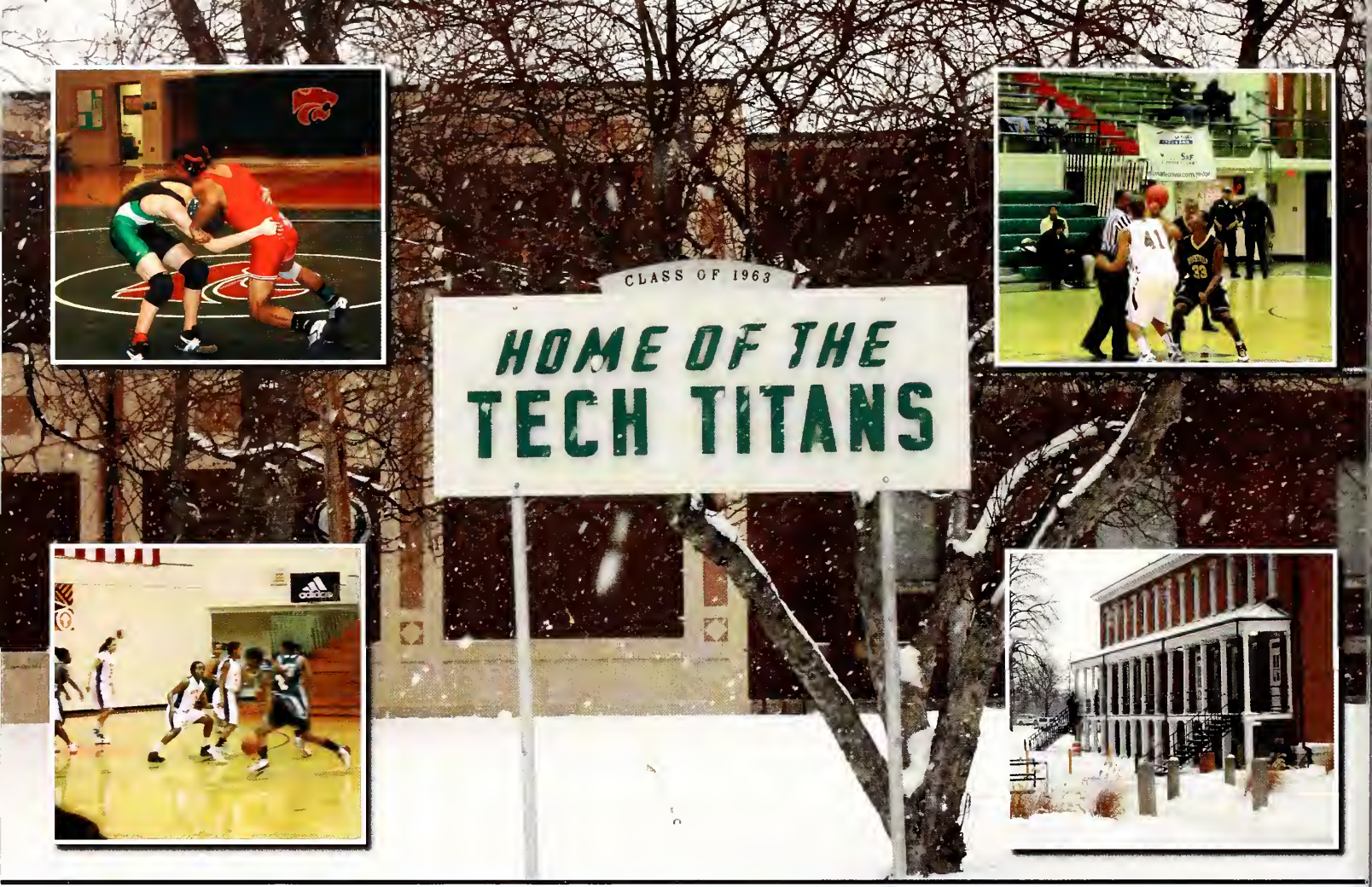
1. Best friend(s): _____

2. Weirdest lunch: _____

3. Favorite moment: _____

4. Coolest teacher: _____

5. Secret Crush: _____



The Tech Campus emulated the North Pole after a series of snow falls and an ice storm in early February. Titan wrestler Dominique Price placed 5th in State. The boys and girls basketball teams heated up the court. Cheerleaders received the opportunity to compete in Nationals in Florida. Tech journalists were chosen to speak at the MLK Tribute Program in January.

Story by Courtney Sims and Gary Holman; photos by Vivian Bell, Princess Kimbrough and K.J. McCarter

DEEP FREEZE

puts campus on ice

Winter, the coldest season, had the most melting stories of the year. Due to the massive ice storm Feb. 1-4 that blanketed nearly 30 states, including Indiana, IPS canceled school for four days.

IPS was scheduled to make up the four snow days at the end of the school year. May 20, a built-in make-up snow day was also to be used. The remaining three days were added to the end of the school year, May 25-27. The Feb. 1-4 four-day break was the longest in recent memory.

School custodians and members of the Facilities Management Division spent Feb.1-6 breaking up ice with shovels and using chemical solvents to melt the ice. City Department of Public Works (DPW) also helped with plowing and salting parking lots at the district's 65 schools

Titan cheerleaders got a chance to escape winter weather when they visited Florida and completed for the National High School Cheerleading Championships at Walt Disney World, finishing 16th.

Music Groups warmed audiences' hearts with their holiday performances.

Two senior Cannon newspaper editors, Antyana Corder and James Vaughn were chosen to speak at the 30th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Tribute Program Jan. 14.

Dominque Price (38-3) wrestled his way to IHSAA State Finals, with the best Tech performance in 20 years, finishing 5th.

Boys basketball had its ups and downs with freshman IU recruit Trey Lyles. The team entered the post season with Sectionals March 1. Girls basketball team members began with a rocky start but eventually came together to pull through until the end of the season. The senior starters included; Simone Smith, Tessa Rose Trotter, Natavia Howell and Passion Curry.

Flashback: Media Center construction 1976

The Media Center and Bookstore spent much of the fall packing and moving to temporary locations. But Director Mary Ann Laker kept the operation running and SSR remained strong among teachers and students.

PACKING UP

Media Center, Bookstore move due to construction

Early in the fall, the Media Center was securely fenced in. But why? Work began to remodel the entire building. An elevator is being put in the Media Center to accommodate ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act). They will get new carpet, ceilings, lights and the charge desk opened up as part of a $35 million project.

The process of moving the Media Center to Rm. 8 in the second floor of the Arsenal began in September. The Media Center staff had everything packed up and a construction fence went up in mid-November.

"It's a great time to 'clean house," Media Center Director Mary Ann Laker said. Since there was not enough room for all the books, the staff decided to take 60 percent of books with them and put the other 40 percent in storage. The 60 percent of books include all fiction and nonfiction books.

The Media Center was closed until Jan. 8 when it reopened in a smaller version in the Arsenal, with only room for 20 computers, which is less than half of the 58 they have.

At the time of the move 1,000 books were overdue. To encourage students to return the books, Media Specialist Doug Peachey designed a cardboard book return shoot that gained attention for a few days before another book return box was installed.

Although the library moved locations temporarily, SSR (Sustained Silent Reading) continued each day for 15 minutes. Cookies were awarded regularly to classes with the highest percentage of readers.

Story by Jazmine Johnson; photos by Alexus Scott and Jazmine Johnson

National Honor Society

Members give back to community

The National Honor Society, sponsored by Michael Armbruster, is a club wholly centered on philanthropy.

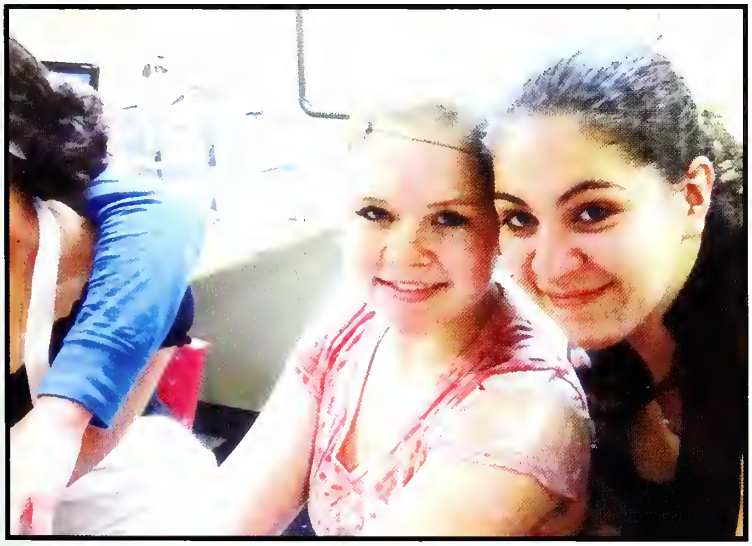
National Honor Society volunteers not only hope to improve their surroundings, but to also stimulate and better themselves. This ideal is a derivative of the four pillars that serve as the foundation of the National Honor Society, which are Scholarship, Service, Leadership and Character.

"It's an absolute honor to be a part of the NHS program at Tech. It shows that you're doing and living right," NHS member Joel Reyes said. It means that your code of conduct matches the excellence of the program."

The National Honor Society focuses mainly on community outreach, concentrating on giving back to the school and the rest of Indianapolis.

Tech's NHS participated in two philanthropic endeavors, the Mozelle Sanders Thanksgiving Dinner and volunteering at Second Helpings. Through these endeavors, club members said they have grown, not only as individuals, but also as a group of young people with a desire to help and serve others.

Story by Marlena Webb; photos courtesy Michael Armbruster



National Honor Society members help at the Mozelle Sanders Thanksgiving Dinner, one of the club's service projects. Members work to reach out and give back to the Indianapolis community.

Perfecting the sound

"I love music, music is my whole life," senior Sierra Iboaya-Gunther said.

Iboaya-Gunther is just one of the members of the performing musical groups who share the same passion.

Besides Tech choir, there are Techniques (the all-female choir), Techromatics (the all-male choir) Technicians, the girls barbershop octet, marching band, an orchestra string ensemble and a bell choir. The music department staff includes Kandis Brown, the choral director and manager of all choral groups and barbershops and Cindy Hartshorn, the director of Technicians and the Showcase Choir.

Much of these musicians' time is spent practicing. "My favorite part is perfecting my sound," Iboaya-Gunther said. They all spend many hours throughout the week after school memorizing lyrics and learning music. Techromatics, the all-male choir ensemble, sacrifices lunch to perfect the sound. They meet during lunch periods and practice for 20 minutes.

Technicians, Techromatics and Techniques performed at the Feast of Lanterns community event.

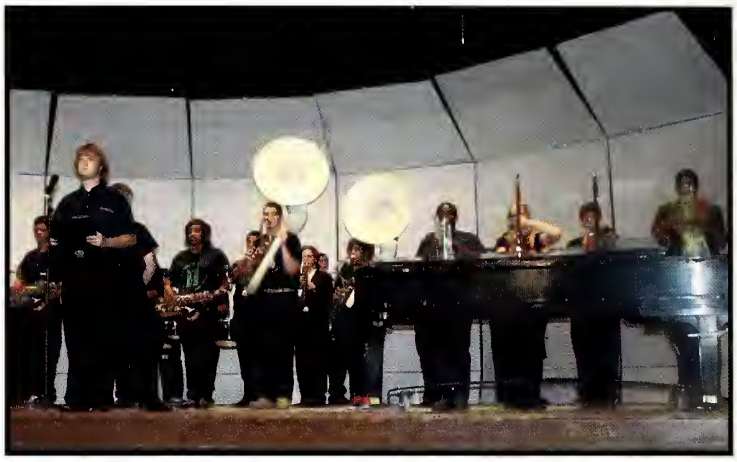
The Techoir had two choral invitations, one to Ball State and the other to the University of Indianapolis. At these invitations they perform in front of other high school choirs and a judging panel that constructively criticizes them.

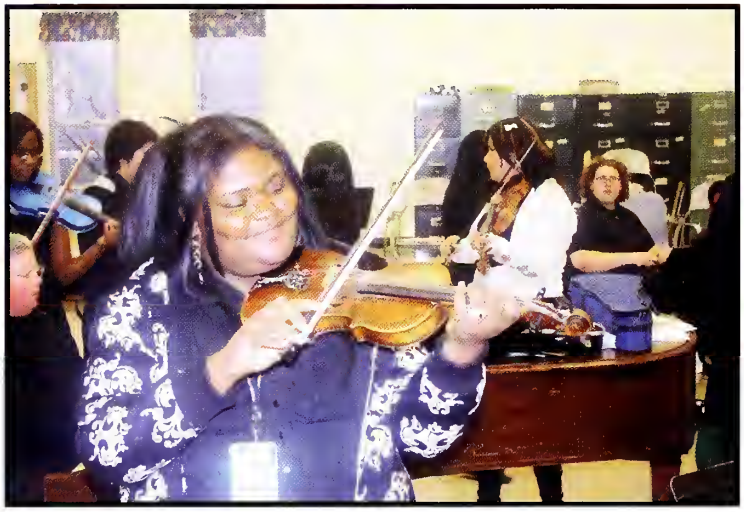
"The invitations are good training for contest and the kids have an opportunity to compare and see how others are doing," Brown said. "At both performances they were praised for being "wonderful" and "great."

Tech's orchestra had a fall and winter concert. At the fall concert, the orchestra performed "Brandenburg Concertos," "My Heart Will Go On," from the Titanic and music from "Beauty and the Beast."

"I was surprised by how well the group sounded," senior and violinist Angel Avina said.

All of the performing music groups participated in Arts on the Green in April.





Top: Davaughn Nibbs and Chris Cox tune up for a performance; middle: Raquel Johnson rehearses before the winter concert; above: Techromatics perform during the fall concert.

Technicians members are in demand for their musical talents: Front: Sami Ali; second row: Diamond Thompson, Ashley Ballard, Daja Royster; third row: Micheal Snow, Rachel Wright, Jamonikah Thompson, top row: Matthew Perry, Travis Stevens, Deelontee Hutchins.

Story by Gary Holman; photos by Alexus Scott

Drumline members LaChance Wands-Williams, Daniel Dorsett, Matthew King, Larry Gates, Robert King and Jackson Herbertz lead the way during the Legacy Center groundbreaking in November.

Madrigal performers take a break during a show: Top: Sydney Snow, October Kniess, Tyler Kniess, Steven Harris, Daniel Dorsett, Eric Cer vantes and Jamonikah Thompson.

Technicians Travis Stevens, in front, with Jonah Stevenson and Aaron Thurman sing for the 2012 Super Bowl Committee.

Daniel Dorsett, Ashley Ballard, Tyler Kniess, Jacob Miller, Rachel Wright, Micheal Snow and Eric Cervantes clown around during a Madrigal performance.

Canimus Ex Animo

Tech's music groups received a variety of awards and honors this year, including The Girls Barbershop quartet, Chordially Ringin', winning third place in the Catch a Rising Star Competition and gold ratings at both ISSMA District and State. The Boys Barbershop quartet, Ringin' Down the House, took a gold rating at both competitions. The String Trio also went to ISSMA and received gold ratings. Also winning gold ratings at ISSMA were various soloists such as Jennifer LaFara, Eric Cervantes and Tyler Kniess. Two soloists, Kaylin Mead and Kim Weaver, were awarded silver medals at ISSMA.

TECHOIR

Concert Band

Technicians

Barbershop

Techniques

Techromatics

Orchestra

Magnet Academy

Challenging math-science, health professions programs attract top students

Mathematics, science, informational technology, engineering, computer science, medicine; What can't this academy offer?

The Magnet Academy offers students the chance to partake in a four-year curriculum that can lead them to internship opportunities or college classes their senior year. The Magnet also has the highest GQE, PSAT and SAT scores of any small school on campus.

Most students in the Magnet feel that it is the best academy at Tech.

"The Magnet is more focused than other academies." said Magnet sophomore Brian Sanford. Sanford said he enjoys the Magnet and it has a "brotherly atmosphere, not the typical Tech attitude."

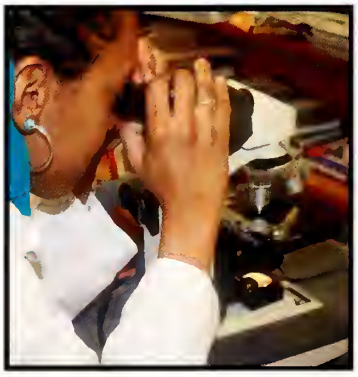
It is the only academy offering engineering and health professions for students who want to study specifically in those areas.

"It is the only academy that has Health Professions and that's what I want to do," said Magnet sophomore Christina Baker.

The students who are in engineering will be using their math and science skills to solve real world engineering problems. The Health Professions students will be using science to learn about the human body. By graduating from the Magnet, students will be able to become an EMT without any college education.

The Magnet has changed from what it used to be according to Magnet secretary and graduate Dountonia Slack. There used to be small classes and a curriculum that was challenging, fun, and exciting. The Magnet is the same now, yet somewhat different. "It seems like a lot of kids aren't serious." Slack said.

The changes in the Magnet Academy may have something to do with how long it has been around. Academic Dean Stan Irwin said that both the Math-Science and the Health Professions Magnet was started in 1984 at Crispus Attucks High School. It was moved to Tech after three years because Attucks had shut down as a high school.



Above: Physics students tally results from an experiment; right: health professions provides students opportunities for career experiences.

Through practice and studying, Magnet students get an education but also certifications such as EMT.

Story by Andre Poole; photos by Jazmine Johnson

Model UN: A First Person View

Story by Marlena Webb

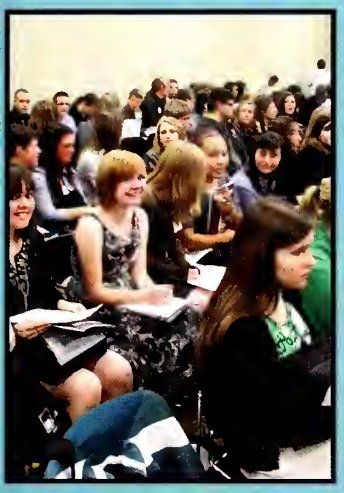
Model United Nations is a chance for students to take part in a simulative experience in diplomatic international relations - or in other words, a kind of role-playing, where "delegates" represent a certain country and then try and debate and push for the views of that country on certain topics - by participating in conferences, two this year alone, throughout Indiana, Illinois and Michigan, after-school debates and discussions and "position paper" writing sessions.

By discussing issues that are affecting countries around the world, club members gain a new perspective on current international dilemmas as well as become more conscious of the world which we live in.

For me personally, being a part of Model United Nations has indefinitely changed me as well as influenced the profession I want to pursue. By being exposed to different international views on a variety of topics, ranging from the Israeli-Palestinian peace pact to piracy in Somalia to the details of AIDS campaigning in third world countries, club members gain a whole new insight onto what's going on outside of our own comfortable bubbles.

The whole aim of Model UN is to promote and foster open-mindedness regarding global conflicts within the high school community. It's not always easy or likeable; sometimes it's very frustrating to argue the beliefs of a country, especially when you personally do not agree. But at the end of the day, it's worth the work and frustration. At the end of the day, you have a new, broader perspective on life.

Troy Hammon, club founder and sponsor, said that at times he likes to live vicariously through his delegates. He says that at conferences, it's hard not to just jump in to the conversation and resolution-writing process. "At conferences, there's such a great flow of ideas, it's hard not to get really passionate about the whole process," Hammon said, "If I had known about MUN in high school, I would have been there."



Photos courtesy Troy Hammon

HOSA strives for top spots

HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) is a student-led organization that runs nationwide providing the essential leadership skills needed for careers within the health field.

Ranging from dentistry to nursing, students are eligible to compete at the Indiana HOSA state conference held at the Wyndham Hotel April 17-19. Lasting three days and two nights, students interacted and competed against students from various high schools across Indiana.

"I'm always excited to see my students compete in comparison to other schools because I think we have the best," said June Moss, HOSA coordinator.

HOSA students see many benefits to participation in the conference.

Other students, such as Kayla Byrd and Fany Mejia competed to hold a spot as an Indiana state officer.

"Hopefully we have lots of state officers," said teacher Debra Scering as she pushed her students to strive for higher office positions.

Story and photos by Angel Avina

'HOOP OR DIE'

iBALL

The Tech Titans boys basketball team had its ups and downs this season, with some tough struggles to win games. The team tried to salvage another win Senior Night Feb. 18 but lost to rival Broad Ripple.

The Titans won their first game 53-45 against the Manual Redskins. They played Lawrence Central and lost 56-42.

The Titans got it together when they beat Gary Roosevelt 99-78. They could have scored 100 but at the end of the game starter Tyler Scott was fouled and went to the free throw line to shoot two. Tech had 98 and Scott made his first shot and got the score to 99 points. Everyone got quiet and Tyler took his second shot and missed at the buzzer.

The Titans had regained their faith and were very confident that they could win their next game against the Washington Continentals. Their confidence pulled them through with a 73-61 win. The Titans were on a two-game win streak.

The next game was against East Chicago Central. The Titans played a great game but lost 73-70. The Titans then went on a four-game losing streak until they played the Anderson Indians, winning 72-60.

The Titans headed to the post-season March 1 when sectional action began. Tech played in the 7-team Decatur Central Sectional along with Avon, Ben Davis, Brownsburg, Decatur Central, Manual and Pike.

Derrick Jackson and Trey Lyles defend the shot against Howe. Above: Trey Lyles gets the tip.

1 Ball, 1 Goal, 1 Team

Junior LaMonte Crain makes a successful pass.

Coach Dominic gives some sideline advice to La'ag Stuckey. Above right: Junior Jerome Campbell shoots a 3-pointer.

Story by K.J. McCarter; photos by Vivian Bell

More Than A GAME

"I don't do it for basketball, I do it for my dawgs."

-Tessa Rose Trotter

"Even though it was a little rocky, we came together and worked hard as a team when we needed to," said senior Kayla Gregory. And that's exactly right, the Lady Titans are more than just a team, they're a family.

And just like most families, they come together when they need to, no matter what obstacles come their way. The Lady Titans finished the season 5-14, 4-2 in IPSAC.

Senior starters Simone Smith, Tessa Rose Trotter, Natavia Howell and Passion Curry all gave their input on being a Lady Titan.

Cannon: What position do you play?
Smith: Forward
Trotter: Point guard
Howell: Guard, post, forward, whatever coach tells me to play.
Curry: Shooting guard

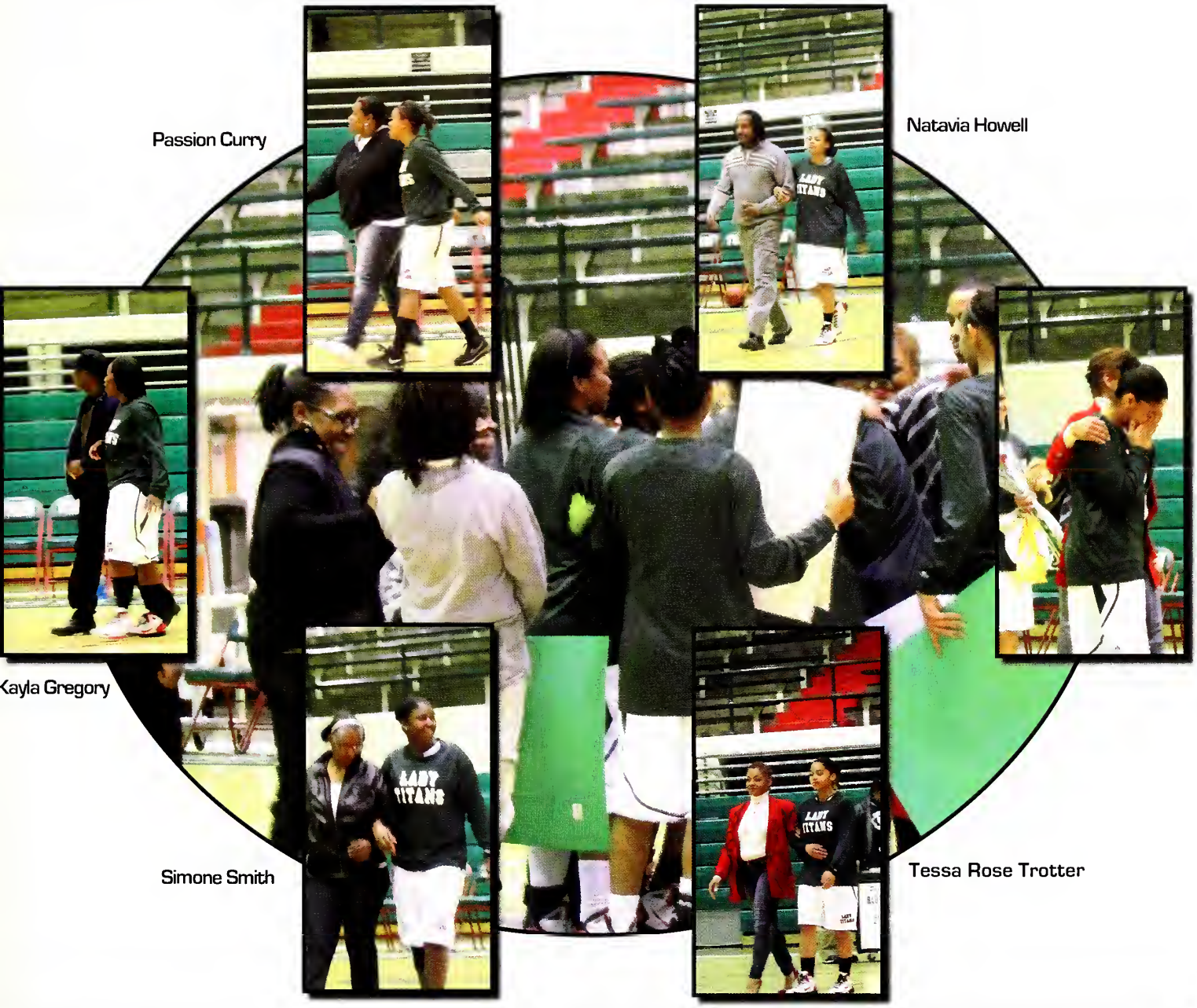
Cannon: What was your goal and did you achieve it?
Smith: Staying double-figured and yes once.
Trotter: Averaging double figures and yes.
Howell: Winning IPSAC and we didn't win.
Curry: Make at least five 3-pointers in a game and yes, I did achieve that.

Cannon: What will you miss the most about being a Lady Titan?
Smith: The feeling before the game.
Trotter: Being with my "dawgs"
Howell: Being with the team clowning and having fun.

Story and photos by Vivian Bell

Clockwise from top left: Myrisha Colston brings the ball down the court; team members relax after a game; Simone Smith hits from the free throw line; Passion Curry goes around the defender; Coach Reggie White sets up the play during a timeout as Coach Mike Mendez, Tessa Rose Trotter and Koreyha McLay listen.

SENIOR NIGHT



Passion Curry

Natavia Howell

Kayla Gregory

Simone Smith

Tessa Rose Trotter

It's A LIFESTYLE

Wrestler advances

Titan team pushes past obstacles

Senior Dominique Price became the first Tech wrestler in 20 years to advance to the second round of the IHSAA State Finals Feb. 18 and 19.

Competing in the 112-lb. weight category, Price took his 37-2 record to the first round of State Finals Feb. 18, defeating the 8th-ranked wrestler in the state. He lost on Feb. 19 to the eventual state runner-up, earning a fifth place finish.

Price earned a third place in the New Castle Semi-state Feb. 12.

Junior Charlie McGinley placed sixth in the Semi-state but did not advance. Senior Aaron Thurman also competed in Semi-state but did not place.

If not for Coach Mark Mendoza and the wrestlers' love toward wrestling, there probably would not have been a wrestling team, because Tech had no wrestling room and athletes had to travel by bus to practice at School 81.

Despite the fact that, due to construction, the wrestling team did not have a place to practice, that didn't stop the athletes from pushing and driving to win their meets.

"Wrestling requires the most mental power; you can physically dominate as long as your mind is set," Mendoza said.

Dominique Price, above, takes on a Lawrence North opponent. Price led a small, but mighty Titan wrestling team in a season where Tech had no home meets or even home practices due to construction in the East Gym. Price, Charlie McGinley and Aaron Thurman all advanced to the IHSAA Semi-state tournament with Price the lone wrestler of the group to qualify for the State Finals.

Stories by Gary Holman, Corey Tibbs and Ashley Ballard; photos by Robert Sherrell

to State Finals

Player Profile

DOMINIQUE PRICE

State Finalist

Q: How many years have you been wrestling?
A: Four years

Q: What is your pre-game ritual?
A: Once I put my head-gear on, I never take it off. I also wipe both of my feet before I start wrestling.

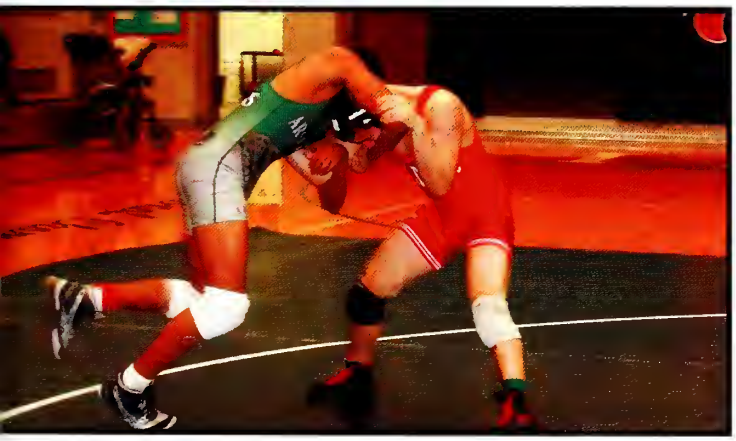
Q: Who or what is your inspiration?
A: Coach Mendoza

Q: What is your strength?
A: Wanting to win

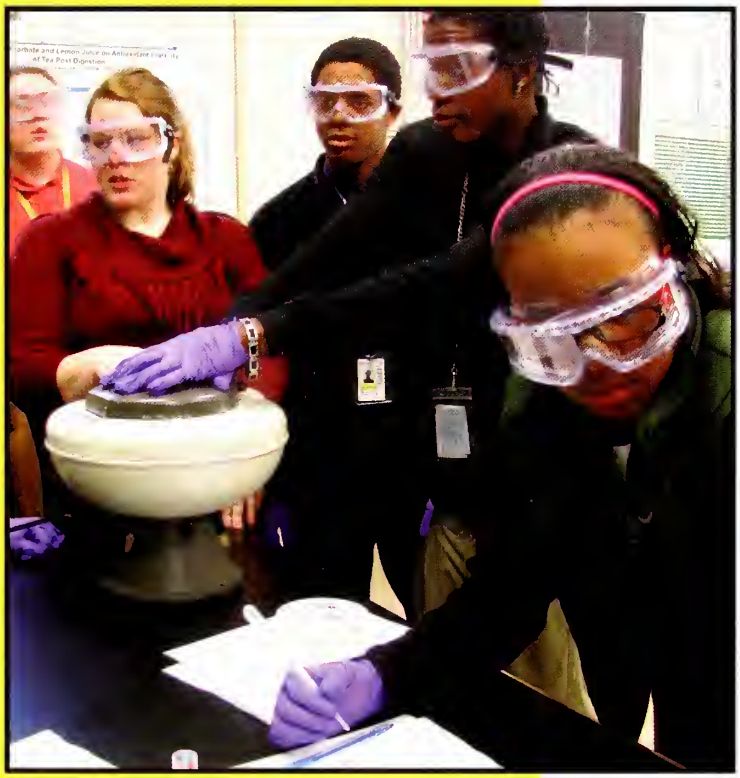
Q: What is your goal for this season?
A: To win State

Q: How do you feel about going to State and what are your chances?
A: I think I will have a good chance at State. There will be some tough matches, but we're all pretty much on the same level.

Q: What are your future plans?
A: To go to Purdue.



New Tech Academy



Story by Jaylen Cash; photos by Rachel French

Koreyha McClay and classmates work with teacher Rebecca Rakcozy to separate chemicals. Top: Students work with mentors sharing thoughts about the future.

Project-based learning makes for different approach

To some eyes on campus, New Tech Academy is looked on as the "lame academy" or "full of nerds," but to the students and faculty, it is a whole different story.

New Tech is unique by using project-based and integrated learning that helps to build a family with trust, respect and responsibility, said New Tech teacher Andrew Jaynes.

Project-based learning is a way of teaching through projects. Students solve problems and complete assignments using teamwork in a groups. Most projects are created from community partners such as Angie's List, March of Dimes, Century 21, Purdue University, Indiana University and IRT. All have came to New Tech looking for answers and found student-produced solutions.

The second unique aspect of New Tech is integrated learning where teachers team up with complementary subjects, such as astronomy and pre-calculus. New Tech also offers classes such as pre-calculus, astronomy, trigonometry, zoology and urban affairs. Teaching the subjects together takes the math and translates it to something students can actually see and understand. Some other pairings can be a little more unusual, such as art and geometry or English and history.

New Tech will have its largest senior class this year and teachers said their fondest memories come from seeing freshmen grow into mature seniors. "Students would argue and fight every day when they were freshmen," Jaynes said. "But this year the difference in their behavior has come full circle and we get along just fine."

One favorite memory of high school for senior Julian Hernandez was, "building a catapult in class and launching water balloons at my teacher."

New Tech is more than just school to some students, it's the place where they met the love of there life and best friends they will never forget.

Shawn Nevers and Emily Davis look at extracted DNA cells in biology class. Right: Students work with dyes in a lab project.

Life Long Learning

GETTING A HEAD START ON COLLEGE

Life Long Learning (LLL) is a unique small school because freshmen have the opportunity to start taking dual credit classes and receive college credit.

The following college courses are offered; English 009 (Foundation in Writing), Reading 009 (Foundations in Reading) and Spanish 101 (Spanish 1). Students also take AVID as a support while enrolled in the other classes.

LLL's top academic students are: Ana Vargas,12; Cessalyn Banks, 12; Shanice Caldwell, 12; Pablo Ovalle,11; Kristi Smith,11; Cristina Cortes, 11; Brandon Real,10; Ciara Spivey,10 ; Harrison Alexander,10; Cheyenne Gill, 9; Malik Kirk, 9 and Jocelyn Soto, 9.

"The students in LLL work hard and overall it's a good academy," Dean Teresa Ezell said.

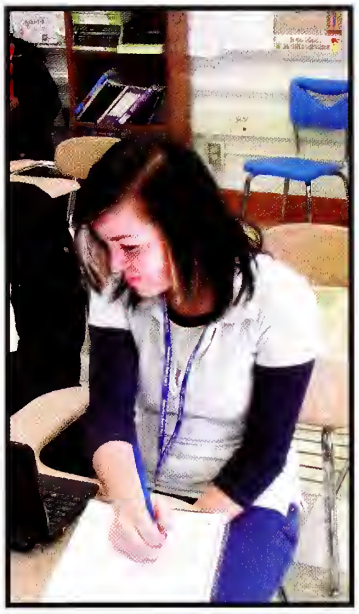
Early College changed its name this year to LLL because not all students in the small school took college classes and were a part of Early College Magnet in Life Long Learning.

"The thing that interests me the most is that students know what they want to do in life and work hard," said teacher Kier Colon.

Students can take dual credit college courses by scoring high enough on a college placement exam, which is either the ACT Compass or Accuplacer. Some courses such as English 109, Reading 009 and Spanish 101 do not require placement scores.

Students can also take the following dual credit courses at Tech: History 139, History 140, Political Science III, Economy 100, Spanish 101, Math 016, Theatre 100, English 009, Reading 009, Biology 100 and Earth/Space 100.

Story by Daysia Brimmage: Photos by Roddell Felder



Life Long Learning students must take a placement test to determine if they can enroll in dual credit college courses in such subjects as English, math biology, theatre and Spanish. LLL students work on class assignments: Clockwise from top: Jarion Betts, Dakota Thompson, Andrew Thompson, Tamyria Mapp and Xavier Mundy. The academy's name was changed this year to reflect the variety of purposes and classes offered.

Class of 2013

Sophomores

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Charmonique Adams
Diana Aguilar
Harrison Alexander
Kareem Ali
Juanita Allen
Idania Alvarado

Claudia Alvarez
Aaron Anderson
Datrone Anderson
Victoria Anderson
Kenia Arciniega
James Atkinson
Latisha Bacon

E'vonte Bailey
Andrew Baker
Antwaun Baker
Christina Baker
Dezaray Baker
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Markcus Barnes

Jesus Barradas
Sandra Bartlett
Bradley Bayne
David Beeman Fonseca
Vivian Bell
Deandre Bellamy
D'juan Bennett

Myeisha Bensahri
Micoh Berryhill
Jarion Betts
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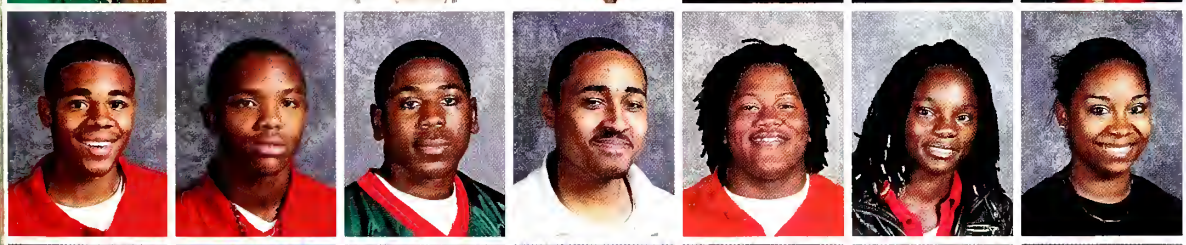

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Aireyonna Calvert
Alexandra Calvillo

Abram Camacho-Gaspar
Jessica Campfield
Spencer Campfield
Carlos Carmona
Miguel Carrera
Heather Carson-Covey
Cameron Carter

Dominique Carter
Elliot Carter
Shawn'yha Carter
Thomas Case
Alana Chance
Jalen Chatmon
Rakim Cheatam

Hosmin Chinchilla
Bwana Clements
Corey Coleman
Dion Coleman
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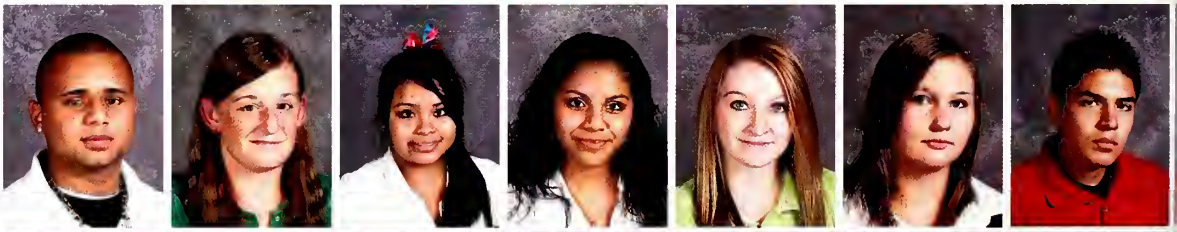

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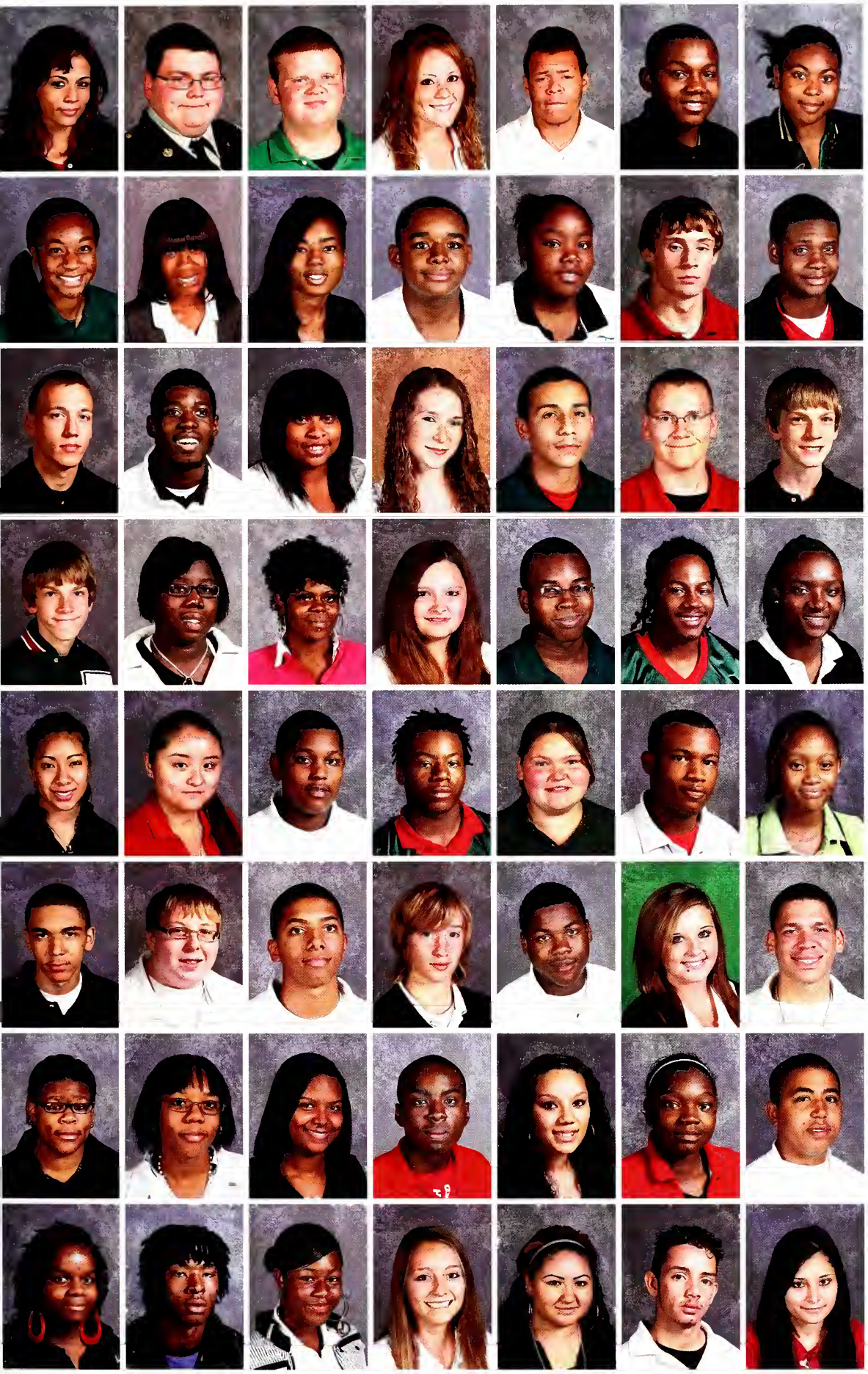

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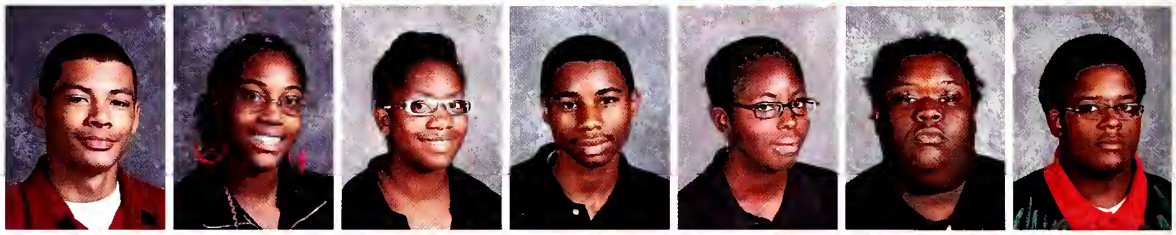

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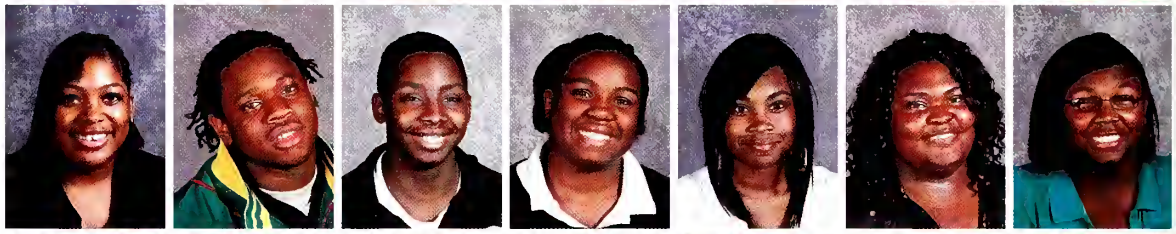

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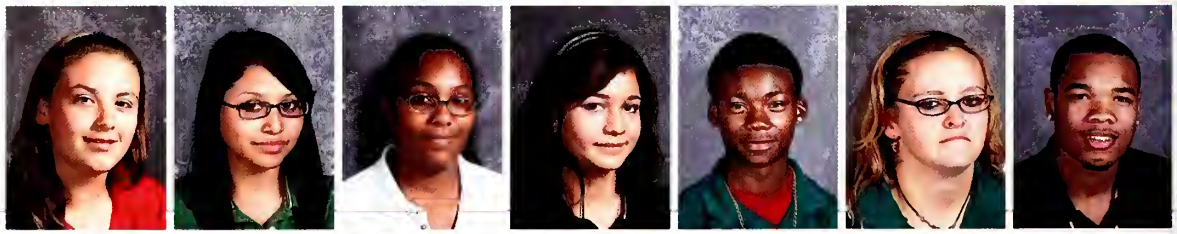

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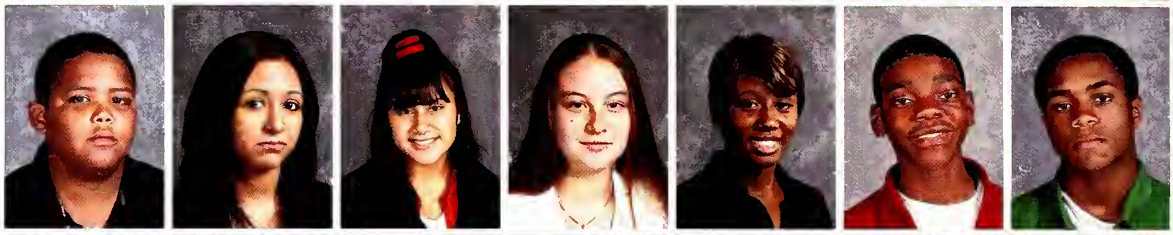

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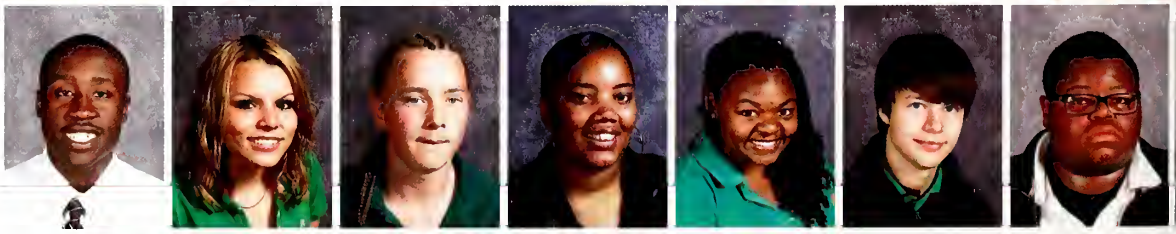

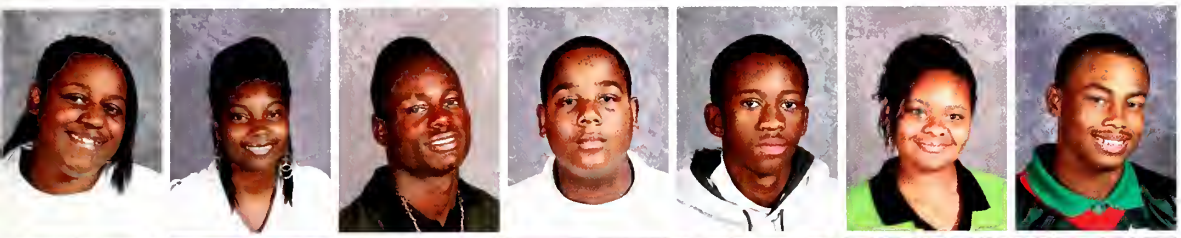

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Courtney Wynne
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Spring hit Tech like a bolt of lighting. All the activities brought excitement and jolts of nervous energy as the seniors planned to graduate. Indoor track and field carried us into the beginning of spring sports with a bang. The horticulture class grew beautiful flowers of the season. The music department shook things up and everybody got loose with their rendition of the spring musical "Footloose." Some seniors were focused on making graduation day a certainty by passing the GQE. All and all, spring came with new life as Tech's students prepared for the end of the school year and a new chapter ahead.

Spring into the future

SPRING SHOWERS WASH AWAY THE OLD AND USHER IN THE NEW

Spring is the season that ushers in new life after winter releases its icy grip. The new season means there's a new set of sports, including girls tennis, boys and girls rugby, track and softball. The music department got "Footloose" with the spring musical March 10, 11 and 12.

This season also held the last Graduation Qualifying Exam (GQE) testing before the transition to an End of Course Assessment (ECA).

Spring is also the season for seniors to check their mailbox for college approval letters and FAFSA reports.

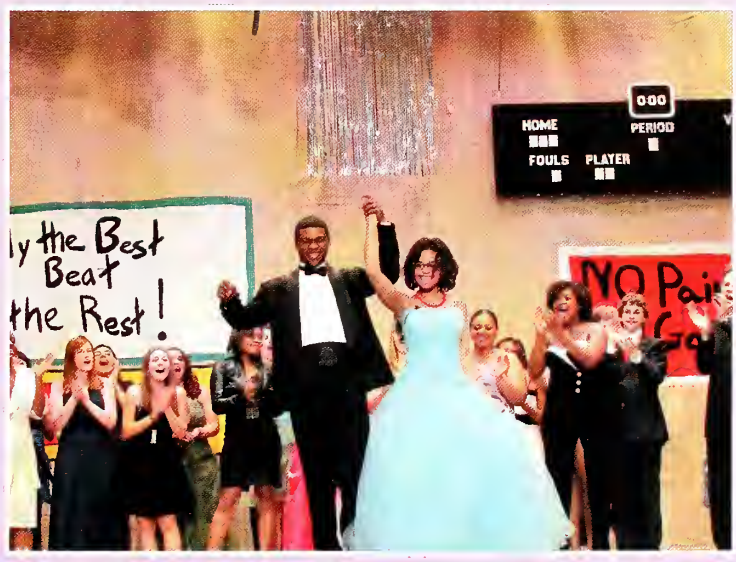
Juniors and seniors worked hard for the perfect prom May 7 at the Hyatt Regency Downtown. Fund raising was a major concern as seniors tried Internet voting campaigns and held bowling night fundraisers.

The culminating event of the season was graduation May 21, for the first time with two separate ceremonies on Tech's campus.

Spring time is the time when new plants sprout about, with the Horticulture room home to many beautiful plants cared for by the horticulture class.

Chess was the game of the season this year, with the first chess tournament at Tech when students competed against each other for the title of champion.

Story by Gary Holman and Courtney Sims; Photos by Alexus Scott, Robert Sherrell, Jovia Dixson, Jaylen Cash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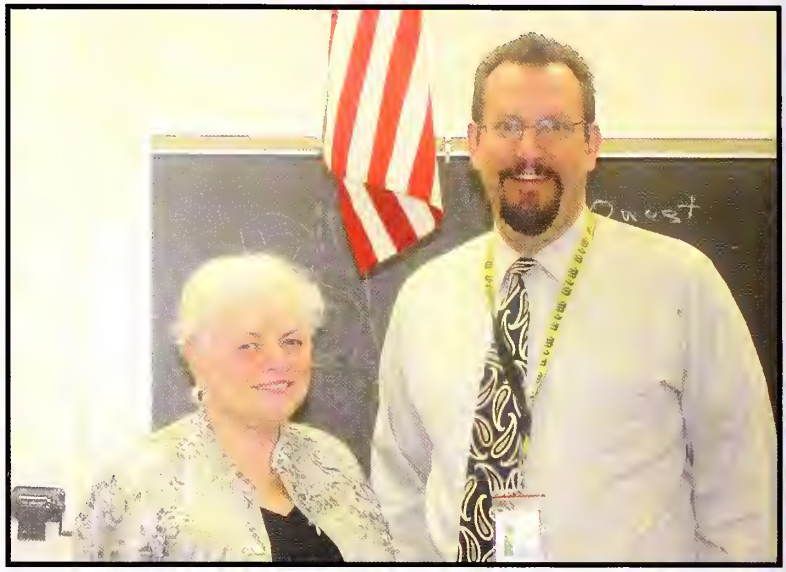
Campus Administration

Campus Administrator Sarah Bogard

Far right: Assistant Campus Administrators Sylvia Dewitt and David Brunsting



Academic Deans: William Jensen, ACE; Teresa Ezell, LLL; Scott Defreese, New Tech and Michael Sertic, CTM

Far right: Deb Dailey, Special Ed, Dr. Vernita Robinson, lead counselor; right: Academic Dean Sandra Fields, International Academy and Stanley Irwin, Math/Science Magnet

Discipline Deans

Terry Hoover

Reginald White

Quintella Wright

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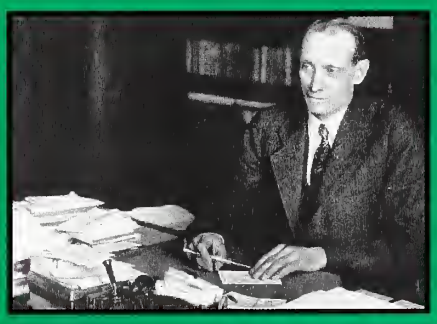
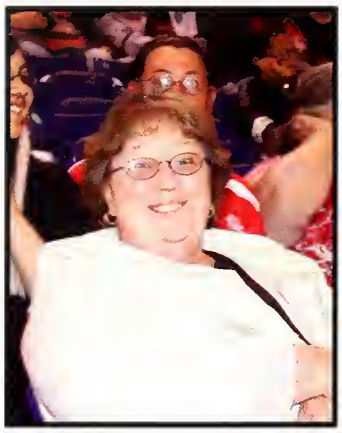
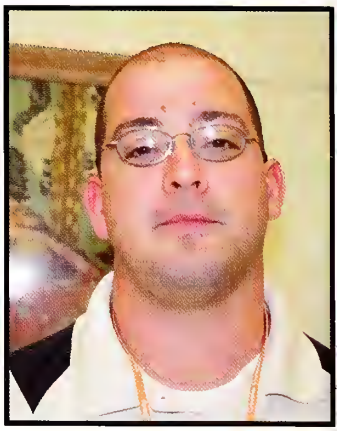
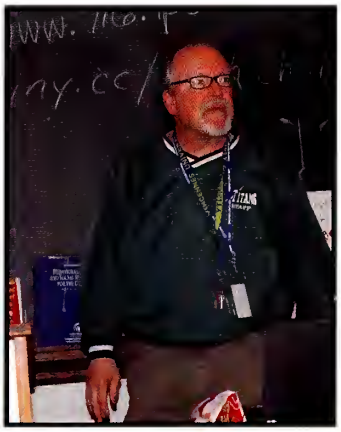
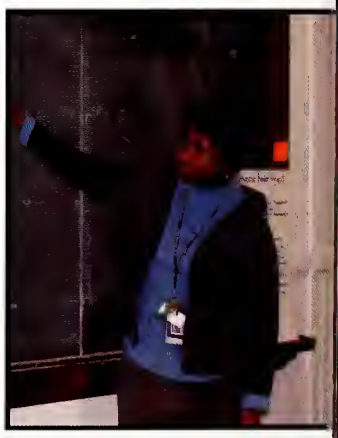


Flashback:
Milo H. Stuart, Tech's first principal





Faculty and Staff

A good teacher is like a candle - it consumes itself to light the way for others.

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John Burroughs

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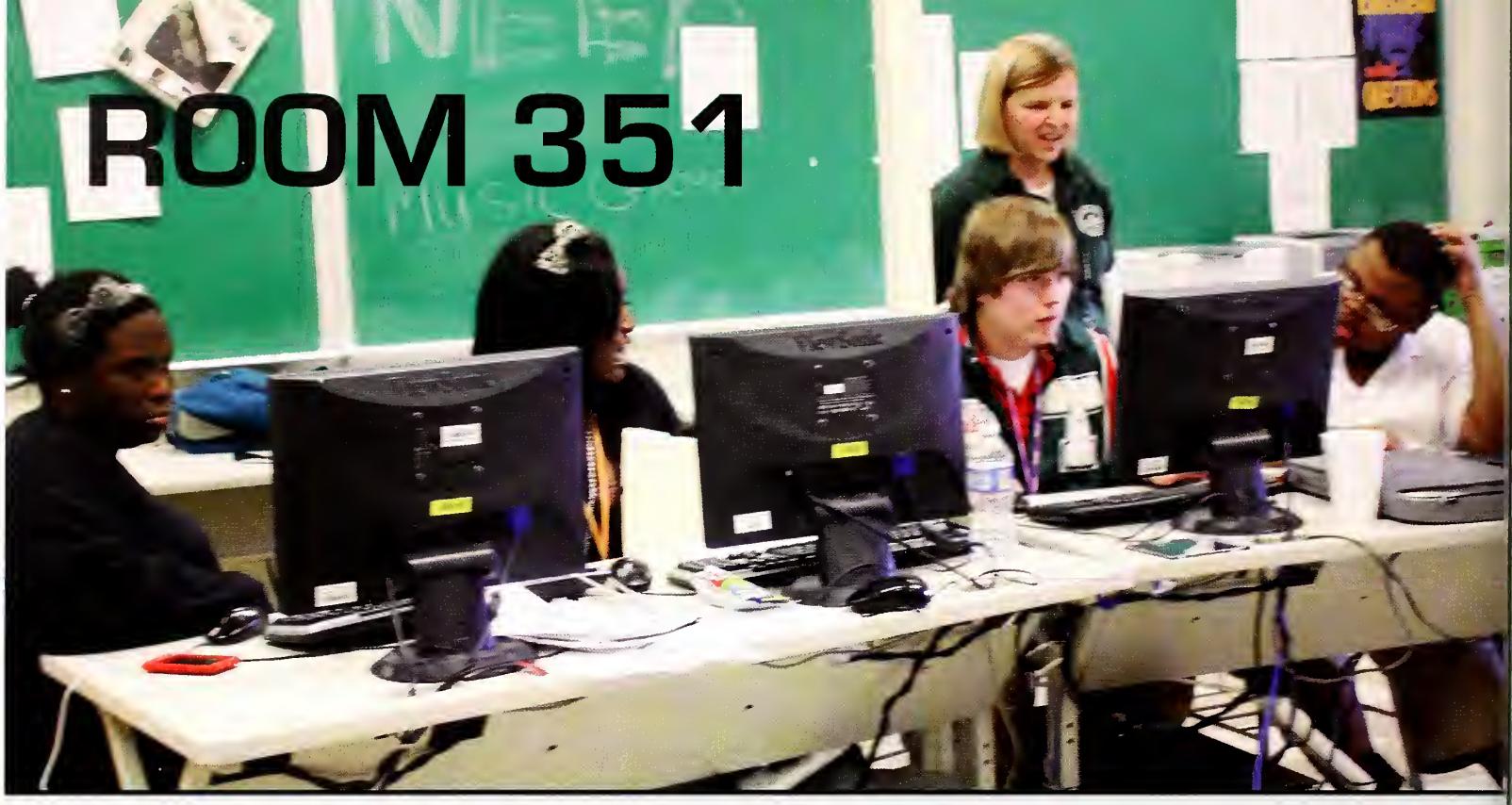


The Editor-in-chiefs for The Cannon have had a very stressful yet rewarding school year. Seniors Robert Tyler, editor-in-chief of the yearbook and newspaper editor-in-chief Antyana Corder balanced each other throughout the school year to accomplish each task set before them.

Robert and Antyana's personalities were the driving force for completing each article of news and even designing and managing the school newspaper and yearbook. Robert's animated and lively persona brought much need comic relief to the overworked Cannon staff while maintaining a work-first, play-later atmosphere. Antyana's disciplined and stern demeanor kept everyone focused and pushed the Cannon staff to finish their pieces by the deadline. There is however one common attribute that Robert and Antyana share, and that would be dedication. Dedication was a requirement for them to pull the long nights required to meet the deadlines to have each and every Cannon article out by deadline.

Staff members included Jovia Dixson, Jazmine Johnson, Alexus Scott, Cameron Russell, Jana Warren, Ashley Ballard, Robert Sherrell, Charmonique Adams, Andre Poole and Roddell Felder. Korea Richmond, Gary Holman and Princess Kimbrough are assistant editors for the yearbook and made considerable contributions to complete this edition. James Vaughn is assistant editor and Vivian Bell is sports editor for the school newspaper, The Cannon.

"I would like to major in business management and own restaurants and might want to minor in journalism," Robert said. "That is if I get a full ride to University of Indianapolis."

"I want to major in business, own hair shops, boutiques and night clubs," Antyana said, " I just want to own it all and if I don't get into U of I, then Brown Mackie it is."

The entire student publications staff attended a field trip to the Indianapolis Star, where they listened to an actual morning news meeting where they discussed the possible layout for the next day's edition. Some of the Cannon staff also visited Franklin College for workshops and to accept a certificate from the Indiana High School Press Association for being a Newspaper Division 3 Hoosier Star Finalist, one of the top 20 high school newspapers in the state.

Robert and Antyana both voiced their opinions concerning their responsibilities as editors-in-chief.

"It's hard," Robert admitted. "People don't want to work, they are lazy. For yearbook, I have to somehow make money and deal with late charges; it's very stressful."

Antyana's take is straightforward. " I have to get people to work, come up with story ideas and design the pages themselves. I just have to do my job."

Story by Gary Holman and Charmonique Adams; photos by Ashley Ballard and Charmonique Adams

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Take a look behind the scenes

Flashback 1977:
Full circle: Cannon staff member returns as adviser

DONNA ADAM, page editor, concentrates on writing a story.

Cheerleading

Bringing it to Nationals

The Tech Titan Cheerleaders have truly made history. Just a couple of months ago, only four of the 30-plus cheerleaders had any cheer experience and on Feb. 12, they were able to compete in the 2011 National High School Cheerleading Championships at Walt Disney World.

There were doubts at first about whether they would be able to go for financial reasons but with the help of Angie's List, Chris Roth of Esco Communications and other local donors, more than $22,000 was donated to make the trip possible.

The squad spent the night at school on Feb.9 and got up at 2 a.m in the morning to leave for the airport. Chaperone David Brunsting, assistant campus administrator, said there was a lot of kids who had never flown before so a lot of hands were being held for the first takeoff.

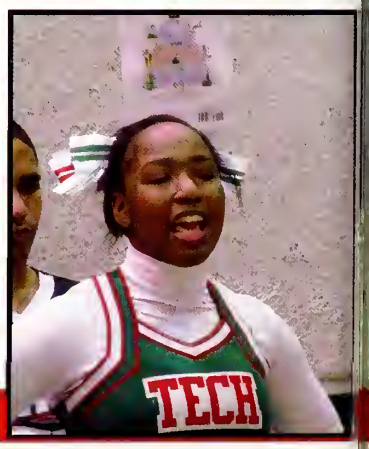
They spent Thursday settling in with one short practice in the evening. After practice they enjoyed some fun in the pool before they had to return to their hotels rooms at 10 p.m. They taped the room doors shut until 7:30 the next morning.

Friday morning they woke up and had breakfast before a 9:30 a.m. practice. After practice they spent their day at EPCOT, the Walt Disney Theme Park.

Saturday the squad competed in the Large Coed Division, finishing 16th in the nation.

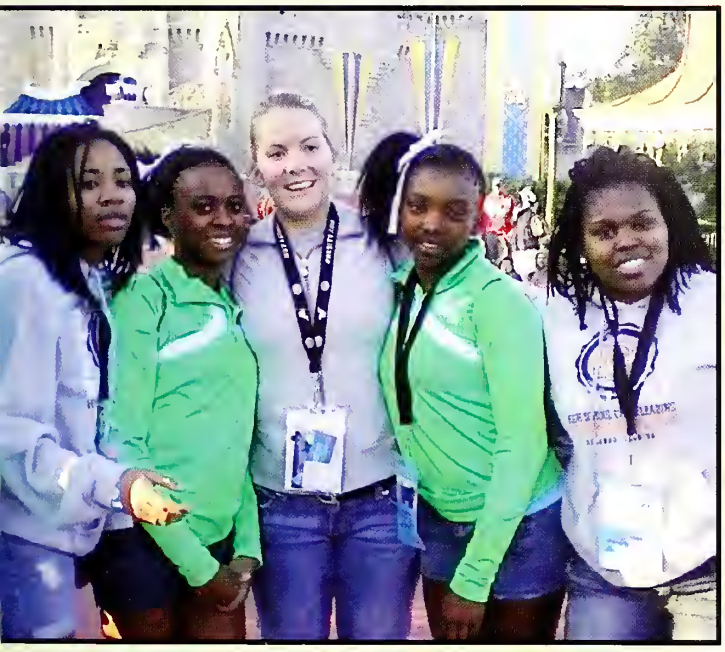
Although they did not advance to finals, this will be something the squad will never forget.

Story by Vivian Bell; photos by Vivian Bell and from Amber Horton



Community businesses and individuals made the cheerleaders' dream of Nationals a possibility. The two largest donors were Esco Communications (above) and Angie's List (middle).

If you've got the game, we've got the cheer



Titan cheerleaders enjoyed a tour of Walt Disney World, the site of the national cheerleading competition.

While winning State and working toward Nationals, the cheerleaders still kept their focus on supporting the Titan teams on the football field (top) and the basketball court (above).

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Lizeth Arratia
Stashia Austin

Favian Aveja
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Mackenzie Barrett
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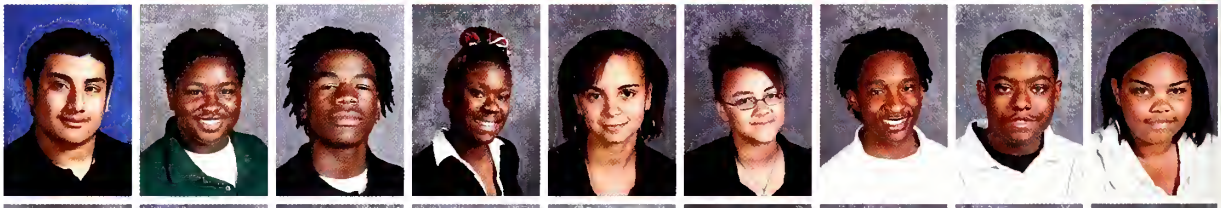

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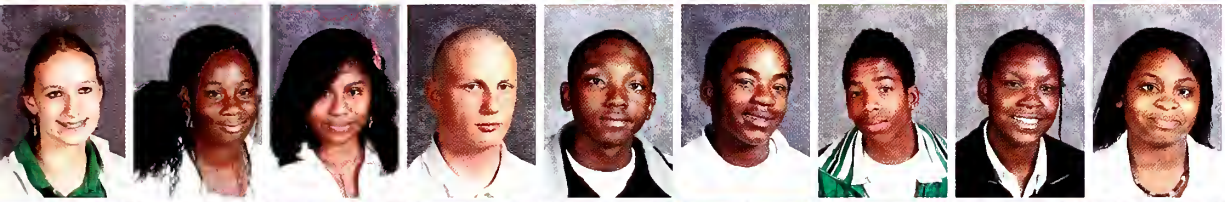

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Academy of Creative Expression

Science teacher James Knapp and student teacher Ms. Henry explain a project to Daron Moore, Shaidai Wells, Shanell Lacey and Laron Bess.

Artistic students at work

The Academy of Creative Expression, also known as ACE, is full of talented students and teachers. ACE was created as a getaway - a place where students can express themselves.

"The creation of ACE was started by teachers and staff, wrapped around the idea of having creative class courses," Academic Dean William Jensen said.

Students still have their core classes, such as English, math, science and social studies. For electives, ACE provides a creative curriculum, offering classes such as, theater, choir, a variety of art classes and journalism.

"From the beginning I've tried to bring more than just arts into my classroom, such as values and culture, so that students can expand their views," art teacher David Arnold said.

Donna Griffin is the newspaper and yearbook adviser.

"This is a crazy place where students can come and have their ideas and opinions heard; they become a reality through the newspaper and the yearbook," Griffin said.

Students consider ACE a family.

"I believe we stick out from the rest of the school because we have teachers and deans that understand our needs. They allow us to show the many different ways we have to express ourselves," Samuel Dillon said.

The mission of ACE is to have well-rounded students that will be able to successfully pursue post-secondary education or a career. They're also taught how to learn, listen and value the arts.

Story by Easzira Mason and James Vaughn; photos by Jazmine Johnson and Justin Brown

Upper left: Students search through media for class assignments; lower left: Jay-R Milles, Jr. and Alexis Henderson work on an assignment due at the end of class; upper right: teacher Jim Halvorsen demonstrates how to build a coil pot.

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What a journey it has been! Pounds of junk food, hours of stress, much more than a thousand words and pictures later, you are more than ready to take on the world. As you move ahead, know that you take tremendous skills, potential and memories that will bring you inspiration and comfort. You also have my true admiration and affection. I don't plan on missing you because I hope you will always keep in touch.

Love,
Griffin

Antyana Corder, Robert Tyler, James Vaughn, Gary Holman, Cameron Russell, Courtney Sims, Marlena Webb, Santana Galarza, Joyce Parish, Simone Smith, Jaylen Cash

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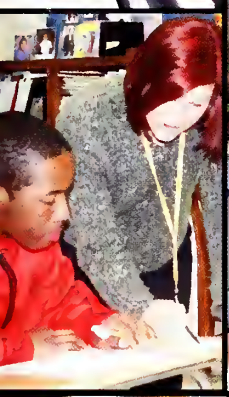
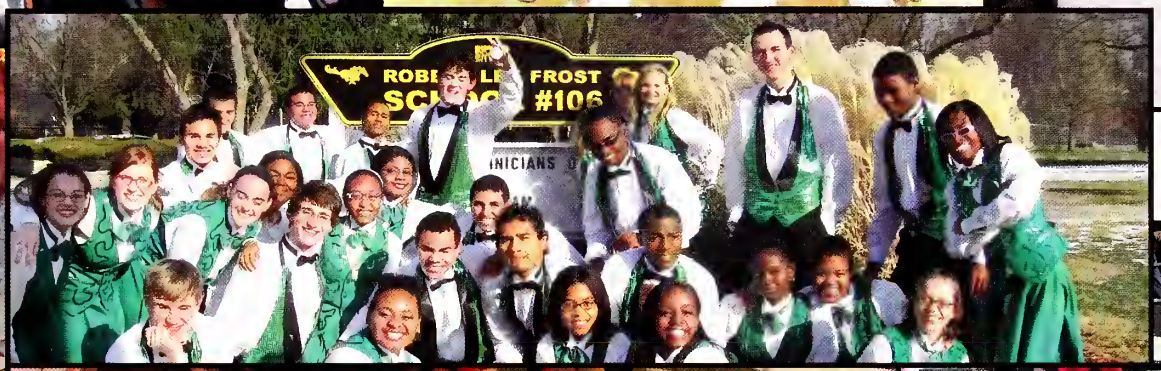

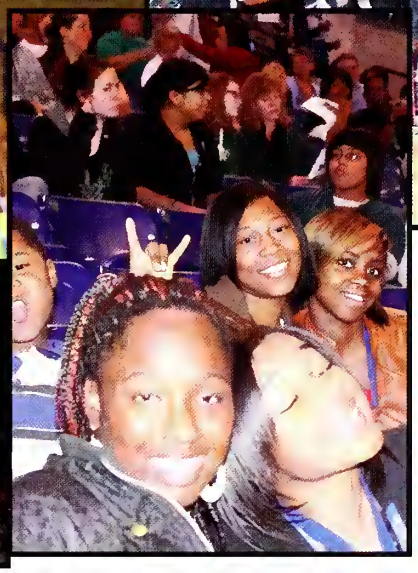

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